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WORLD OF RADIO 1914 contents: Anguilla, Antarctica, Armenia, Australia, Bahamas, Bougainville, Bouvet Island, Brasil, Canada, China, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea non, France, India, Japan/Korea North non, Kurdistan non, Myanmar, Nigeria non, Oklahoma non, Pakistan and non, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, South Carolina, Sri Lanka, Sudan, USA and non, Vatican non, Vietnam non; and the propagation outlook

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1914, January 23-30, 2018

Tue 2030	WRMI	9455 7780 [1913 replayed]
Tue 2130	WRMI	9455 [confirmed]
Wed 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [not confirmed: inaudible]
Wed 1030	WRMI	9455
Wed 2200	WBCQ	7490v [confirmed]
Thu 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Thu 2230	WRMI	5850 [confirmed]
Fri 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [not confirmed: inaudible]
Sat 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [not confirmed but JBA carrier]
Sat 0730	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1531	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 2030v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sat 2230	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Sat 2300	WRMI	7780
Sun 0200	WRMI	7780
Sun 0410v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sun 1130	HLR	9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Mon 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB

Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v-AM Area 51
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 9455
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730
Tue 2030 WRMI 9455, 7780 [or #1915?]

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:
Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper:
http://shortwave.am/wor.xml

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DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER`S LOG REPORTS:
Unedited, uncondensed, unchanged from original version, many of
them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated,
inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to
manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser

NOTE: I have *resolved* to make DXLD leaner, more selective, as I
seriously need to reduce my workload, much of which has been merely
editing gobs of material into presentable form. This makes it even
more important to be a member of the DXLD yg for additional material
which may not make it into weekly issues (gh)

DXLD YAHOOGROUP: Why wait for DXLD? A lot more info, not all of it

appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our yg without delay.

When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here`s where to sign up: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/

** AFGHANISTAN. PRIVATE RADIO STATION IN GHOR SET ALIGHT
By Pajhwok reporter On Jan 22, 2018 - 13:16 | Pajhwok Afghan News

FEROZKOH (Pajhwok): Unidentified gunmen have set on fire a private radio station in western Ghor info-icon province, an official said on Monday.

Abdul Wadood Samim, manager of the Adalat Radio Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place on Sunday night when he was preparing a programme.

He said three individuals entered his room and started beating him. The attackers allegedly tied up his hands and torched all equipment.

Samim added: "Our office is located close to a police station. We called the police personnel but they did not respond."

A month back, Sarhadi Radio station had come under similar assault. But the attackers are yet to be arrested. pk/mud (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

WTFK? I don`t see Adalat on page 66 of the WRTH 2018 listing many stations in alfabetical order. There is a Radio Sahar, Herat on 88.7, not the same? (gh, DXLD)

** ALASKA. 7370, KNLS, Anchor Point, 1120-1140, 20-01, Chinese, comments, religious songs. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Note this is midday in Spain (gh)

** ALBANIA [non]. 5850, Jan 17 at 2300, WRMI with Dino Spanish ID, and R. Tirana again missing, 2300.5 into World Music.

5850, Jan 18 at 2300.0, WRMI canned Spanish ID by Dino, 2300.5 ME World Music, not R. Tirana. Also Jan 19 at 2300.5. Jeff with English ID giving phone number, 2301.0 music not Tirana again, completing at least one full week of Albanian AWOL.

5850, Jan 23 at 2259, WRMI playing Greek music fill, S9+20, 2300.0 Dino Spanish ID, 2300.5 NOT Radio Tirana relay but 29 minutes of World

Music fill, starting with harp, Paraguayan? But it`s Christian hymn tune; then the long Ode-to-Joy/European Union piece. I let this be my nap accompaniment with VG reception. 2329.5, ``Okeechobee Ocean`` ID, 2330.0 into Radio Prague relay in English. Nevertheless, please bring back Tirana`s only relay spot on WRMI, audiblizing it beyond the low-power German relay in Europe (if that is still running) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

{finally restored Jan 25 with correct internet connexion}

** ALGERIA. 1422 kHz --- dxldyg has a thread about what programming and languages are put on this frequency, q.v. Here`s just one: (gh, DXLD)

The other day I was listening to a programme about Algerian football on the Arabic service. They were interviewing the coach of a local team. The two journalists asked their questions in Arabic, and the guy kept answering in French, and the thing went on for 20 minutes.

Algerian people do that all the time as do all the people who live in a multicultural society.

OK, RA staff don't do it normally, they are not allowed to, but whenever someone else comes on he will do it quite naturally, as he does at home. Some ideas come more easily in one language, and some in another.

Added to that is the fact that Algerian people normally do not speak the "pure" Arabic the government and RA would like to impose, they speak their dialect. When on the air, they try to speak pure Arabic, but more often than not they don't know the proper Arabic words, so they revert to French, sometimes in the middle of a sentence.

As to Tamazight, they have to use lots of French words, because Tamazight is not one language but a collection of languages with a different vocabulary. To make sure the members of another Tamazight tribe understand what they say, they use French words very often.

So the authorities and RA may not like it, but it is a fact, people mix the languages all the time, including on the air with RA. 73, (RÈmy Friess, Germany, almost France, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGST)

** ANGOLA. 4949.75, R·dio Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, 1940-2010, 19-01, Portuguese, sport comments, ìA FederaÁ„o Angolanaî, ìProduÁ„o da R·dio 5î, ìR·dio Nacional de Angolaî, ìServÌÁo de utilidade p˙blicaî. ìBoa Noite, Angolaî. 25322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: 4949.7, R·dio Nacional de Angola. Partial Data e-mail MS Word Document in Portuguese with verification statement sent in response to my e-mail report to: josela.mami@hotmail.com Reply in three days. v/s: Josefa Kanzuela (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. [?] BARBIELAND: 6090, University Network; 2254-2305+, 1/22; Rev. Barbie on when/why to celebrate Xmas. R.B. never gets as carried away as Dead Dr. Gene. S20+ peaks w/xmtr? hum. 6090 last logged 12/5/17 (Frodge-MI)

11775, University Network; 2040-2133+, 1/22; Dead Dr. Gene on a roll, focusing on the resurrection; ìIf you believe what Gene tells you, youíre on a rock. Believe anything else, youíre lost.î No ToH break. 2122:10 music break w/reservation phone #; never mentioned University Network. 2125:10 into Rev. Barbie on how ìsavedî people look at those who are not. ìGod can pluck us from the wreckage of life.î S20+ peaks with xmtr? hum + minor 11780 Brasil splash.

There seems to be a building consensus that this is not coming from Anguilla. Not there at 1500 check. Last logged on 11775 12/6/17. // 13845 via WWCR(p), poor (Harold Frodge, MI, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I was hearing DGS on 11775 today past 2207, got tired of waiting for the QSY. Previous reactivations have lasted only a few days at most (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

11775, Jan 22 at 2058, University Network is back after another long hiatus, DGS at S9+10/20, // 13845 WWCR. Causes ACI to 11780 Brasil even with USB tuning. Recheck at 2153, DGS with a Greek lesson (as applied to Biblical interpretation, of course), about the roots `tel` and `krat`, right thru hourtop, 2205 finally usual canned ID for PMS website, ``You are watching the University Network``, phone 1-800-338-3030; 2207 Dead Gene Scott resumes. Tired of waiting for them to QSY to 6090 at 2200 nominal, tune out.

6090, I also find this back on with PMS, Jan 23 at 0030 check. Usual VG signal. Previous reactivations have lasted only a few days at most, since it was ``destroyed`` by August hurricane (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Strong signal into NB this evening on 6090 kHz at 0320 UT 23 January. Why do some believe this is not coming from Anguilla? According to The Times, "extraordinary effort by the local electricity company and a crack team of Canadian engineers has restored power to the entire island, and the local mobile network is offering a five-bar service." (-- Richard Langley, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

11775, Jan 23 at 1820 check, Caribbean Beacon DGS still active for a second day; the clock is ticking for another shutdown. Richard Langley says the local newspaper reports that electrical power has been restored thruout the island, so that`s not the problem for sporadic activity (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST) both frequencies gone again Jan 24! (gh)

** ANTARCTICA. [Re 18-03:] The 7775-USB BAS communications, last week from a very sparse log I assumed ``FAZ`` were the initials of the reporter. Since it read ``VP FAZ`` I now conclude it was the callsign of the `Blue Sky` aircraft, British colonial prefix. BTW, just as I was talking about this on a WRMI 7780 broadcast, there was QRM from some Spanish 2-way on 7777-USB (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. QSL: PIRATE (South America), 6973 AM, Lupo Radio. Rec'd several replies, one verification statement in hours confirming my report, then a second reply with a QSL Card, with full details, and stating power as 25 watts. This via antenna system at VE6JY's antenna farm in Lamont, Alberta, which is 128 km north of my QTH. E-mail for reports: luporadio@hotmail.com v/s: Lupo Radio (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA [non]. 9455, Jan 17 at 0845, I happen to awaken, so quick check hearing tango music and Chinese talk, both good clues that it really is RAE on its new schedule via WRMI. 9395 is in Oldies, while 7730 & 5850 are indeed off. Likely RAE Japanese also exists at 09-10 on 9455.

9395, Jan 17 at 1859, WRMI in Oldies music // 7780 and 9455. Switching back and forth on one receiver, I catch Bob on 7780 saying he`s on 9395; but at 1900, 9395 splits to othermusic, presumably the World Music loop, and still *not*, RAE in German. Poor signals on 7780 and 9395, fair on 9455.

At 1938 recheck, I can better confirm that 9395 & 9455 are not //, different musix. (And now 11530 is on with African music from R. Herwa International.) After 2000, 9395 is supposed to be RAE in Italian, but it`s still World Music, while 9455 // 7780 have proceeded to `Your Weekend Show`.

At 2042 I stay on 9395 for a while as it`s a bit stronger with the World Music medley, most of which wear well and I enjoy hearing again. But there are never any announcements identifying the songs! I wish some DXer so fond of employing Shazaam or someapp, would run it to ID by title, language and artists, the WRMI WMX tunes, one after another.

I describe the next few: 2042, exuberant steel drums; 2045, African choir; 2049 Un Nuevo Amanecer, Spanish praise, etc.

9395, Jan 18 at 1857, WRMI Oldies music // 9455, soon starting some Beatles, but at 1900 with no ID break, 9395 morphs into other World Music fill instead of RAE relay in German, no longer //. Recheck at 2050 on caradio, 9395 is still WMX, no RAE relay in Italian. 9395, Jan 19 at 1907 check, once again no RAE in German, but some music not // 9455

9395 is also supposed to carry the only remaining RAE relay in English at 0200-0300 Tue-Sat, but often too weak to tell, and/or I am occupied with the latest news on what`s really happening in American politix thanx to Rachel Maddow.

Re RAE German relay never appearing yet at new time and frequency supposed to start January 8, via WRMI of 1900 on 9395, Kai Ludwig replies,

``You seem to be the only one who takes notice of this at all. So far I have not seen a single question/comment from German-speaking countries. Which, I fear, says a lot``.

Today Jan 20 is Saturday, so RAE would not be on anyway, but the transmission is still running, confirmed direct at 1910, poor with music. So I check UTwente to find how this is getting into Europe:

At 1920-1930, 9395 is a JBA carrier! Yet 9390 bears Thailand in English news with a good readable signal. Algo VP also on 9400. How about the other WRMIs? 9455 brings us Firedragon jamming of RFA instead, which also QRMs it in North America. Even 11530, R. Herwa International at 1930 is JBA. 7780, the only one of these aimed toward Europe, has JBA music, presumably Oldies service. It`s hardly surprising that German on 9395, on a 355-degree beam to the NNW from Florida, 49 degrees off from the 44-degree European antennas, is not making it to Europe, and thus its absence would not be much noticed there. I expect all this also apply to Italian at 2000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And no discussions or questions about this either. No one complains or asks about poor reception, or none at all, while DX editors struggle to keep track of the poorly communicated schedule. No one cares anymore (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9395, Jan 22 at 1900, RAE starts its third week of non-relays via WRMI, rather World Music fill, different than Oldies on very poor 7780 (for music, 9420 Greece is better). 9455 is OFF rather than // 7780, leaving a JBA carrier, presumably CNR1/Firedragon jammer and/or Radio

Free Asia, which are capable of interfering with WRMI all day on 9455. 2056 recheck, 9455 back on // 7780, and 9395 still World Music, the fado, not RAE Italian. I`ve notified Jeff about this, and my numerous reports are published in Argentina, but apparently no one cares.

If they are still producing new German and Italian programs every weekday, maybe at least a few web listeners are served. O yes, per RAE website, German has a ``Dienstag-Samstag: 1000-1100 UTC (Wiederholung) auf 6005 kHz`` via a Germany transmitter, likely better than 9395 would be heard there anyway.

There are also various podcasts, one labeled ``puntata di oggi``, maybe really as recent as last week, as I hear one headline mentioning Papa in Chile; plus evergreens:
http://www.radionacional.com.ar/rae-italiano/
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. 4810.00, 0545-0620 fade out 16.1, _UNID_ vernacular talk (not Arabic), Muslim songs, 0602 Vernacular conversation, 35333. Maybe Armenia with reactivated 30 minute morning broadcast in Yezidi (Anker in Skovlunde Denmark Petersen on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

ARMENIA, Additional freq of Denge Kurdistan, Jan 20
0330-1530 on 4810 ERV 050 kW / non-dir to WeAs Kurdish
parallel freq 7520 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to WeAs Kurdish
Videos will be added tomorrow -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4810 is already the Yerevan external service frequency starting at 1530. See KURDISTAN [non] (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 5045, Ozy Radio from 1424 to 1552, checked periodically, signal poor, playing pop songs, man heard giving announcements at 1547 but too weak to understand, followed by old pop song that I could identify as ìLocomotionî by Little Eva. - Jan. 20 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia. Listening in my car on a quiet country road. CommRadio CR-1a receiver and Sony AN-1 active antenna on car roof, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 5055, Radio 4KZ. Best in USB; random listening 1125 till off at 1405*, Jan 20. Mostly pop songs; Petula Clark "Downtown," Roy Orbison(?) "Crying," Blue Swede "Hooked on a Feeling," America "A Horse With No Name," etc.; 1400-1405 news before cut off. Any day that I can make out multi-song IDs, is indeed a good day!

5055, Radio 4KZ, 1404*, Jan 22. Cut off just before the end of the

news (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: 5055, 4KZ, NQ Radio, Innisfail, Northern Queensland. Full data nice aerial view of Innisfail QSL Card with full data, power listed as 500 watts for my reception, also received a nice compliments card wishing a Merry Christmas from the Tropical North Queensland. v/s: AL Kirton VK4FFKZ. This for my Dec 20 report, for which I also rec'd a e-mail verification via: al@nqradio.com.au (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. 5930, Jan 21 at 0147, M&W conversing in unknown language, poor S4-S6 but audible since ``skip is long`` weakening 5935 WWCR. HFCC shows it`s BBC in prs = Dari via Moosbrunn, 300 kW at 95 degrees. Full span is 0030-0230, alternating with pus = Pashto; from 1 Feb to add another hour 0230-0330 in fas = Farsi from Moosbrunn in UZBekistan! Oops (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. QSL: 5975, NHK World Radio Japan, English BC to Europe via Moosbrunn. Full data (with site) "Japanese Fireworks Climax" QSL Card for a e-mail report to: nhkworld@nhk.jp. Reply in 25 days time (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHAMAS. [Re:] ``ZNS is using a two tower array with about 110 kWatts going south and a null to the north to protect 1540 in Albany, NY. From time to time they will go non-d at half power. On a regular basis they have a .5 mv signal into Inagua, the southernmost island in the Bahamas. On any given day they get a fair copy during the day on the north coast of the Dominican Republic (Jerry Kiefer, Orlando, Nov 17, 2017)``

During my Caribbean cruise (which I am writing up at a leisurely pace because of my scribbling), ZNS [1540] was not exactly overwhelming once you got out of the Bahamas. In addition, it throws out a lot of garbage at various places between 1500-1570 kHz. Of particular note, it is responsible for a 1 kHz tone around 1520 which on one evening clashed with the 1 kHz het caused by the Saudi. I noted the same thing last year but at the time didn`t relate it to ZNS (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, 12225w 4719n, HQ180 & ICF2010, Kiwa aircore & Palomar loops, DX398, SRF-59 & M37V, Eton E100 + Tecsun PL-300/380, Jan 17, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD) Full report: DX-PEDITIONS below

The 1521 spur also reported from continent; and another on 1559 [not 1539; plus/minus 19 kHz] (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks for posting your Caribbean results Pete (and to Gary!). We spent a week in the Bahamas in December, and I took a Perseus along to

make some recordings I could check later. We were in a pretty noisy environment just outside Nassau, so I didn't expect any real DX, but was still interested in what could be heard. As you noticed ZNS 1540 puts out a strong tone on 1521, and there is a corresponding one on 1539 [sic].

I've only checked a couple of recordings thus far, but was pleasantly surprised to hear KSL doing quite well on 1160, then fade out just in time to get a nice full ID from Caribbean Radio Lighthouse. 73, (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore, Alberta, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

** BHUTAN. Good signal of Bhutan BS on Jan 20
from 0119 on 6035 THI 100 kW / non-dir to SEAs Dzongkha
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/good-signal-of-bhutan-bs-on-6035-khz.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 19-20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BIAFRA [non]. FRANCE: 9580, Radio Biafra (presumed); 1953-1958:29*, 1/17; M commentary in Afro-LL; mentioned Nigeria; off after brief tune. Xmtr plugpull at 2000:13. SIO=353- with QRN waves (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' RW, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! ------, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Now presume it`s R. Herwa International (gh)

** BOUGAINVILLE. 3325, NBC Bougainville, 1058-1142*, Jan 18. On the air again after being silent for a while; thanks to Dave Valko's tip that he tentatively was hearing NBC here on Jan 16 & 17. Interview and monologues in Pidgin; 1120 into music segment with DJ in Pidgin; several clear "NBC Bougainville" IDs. Very nice to have them back again! Unable to hear any RRI QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3325, NBC Bougainville, 1119-1153*, on Jan 22. This seems to not be on the air every day! Today mostly pop Pacific Islands music; light RRI QRM.

BTW - NBC Madang (3260) went off at 1206*, Jan 22, at the end of the NBC news in English (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOUVET ISLAND. >>> 3Y0Z: BOUVET ISLAND <<<

"We are happy to report that we are on schedule for a January 13 departure to Bouvet Island, the World's most isolated island and the number two most wanted DX entity", the 3Y0Z Team announced on 29 December. "All team members will meet in Punta Arenas, Chile no later than January 10. We will attend a one and one-half day marine safety course, purchase last minute supplies and then fly across the Drake

Passage to King George Island in the South Shetlands. There, we will board the newly refurbished Chilean vessel M/V Betanzos, and begin our 9 to 11-day voyage to Bouvet".

Their plans remain unchanged: "we will have two stations on every open band whenever humanly possible, gain and directional antennas where possible, high power stations and a propagation-driven operation. The primary modes will be CW, SSB and RTTY. FT8 will be utilized if it is the only productive mode. Anyone preparing to utilize FT8 must read the 3Y0Z FT8 protocol on the Band Plan page of the DXpedition website http://www.bouvetdx.org ".

QSL via Club Log's OQRS
https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/3Y0Z
for either direct or bureau requests; traditional cards go via N2OO, direct (Bob Schenck, P.O. Box 345, Tuckerton NJ 08087-0345, USA) or bureau. You may include a donation with your OQRS QSL request on Club Log (via PayPal), or you may include additional funds with your direct mailed QSL card. As for LoTW, "we will be uploading to LOTW for everyone who requests a direct QSL card. These will be done in batches during our QSL card processing, as time allows. A full LOTW upload will be made about 6 months after the end of the DXpedition". (4 2 5 D X N E W S *** DX INFORMATION **** ========== Edited by I1JQJ & IK1ADH, via IBC Digital via roger, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

MARE Paul Dobosz reports of a ham DXpedition [the fact they use the same word we do for our listening events means they don't REALLY understand what a DXpedition should be! -kvz :)] of note:

The DXpedition to Bouvet Island -- "the most remote place in the world" is coming up late this month. It's been 10 years since the last activity from the island. 3Y0Z will be operating on all HF bands SSB and CW for a 14-16 day operation, possibly beginning as soon as January 23rd. This is a costly undertaking with $500K just for the ship and helicopters to get personnel and equipment on to the ice covered island. Paul points us at the DXpedition website for more info:
http://www.bouvetdx.org/
[One wonders if there will be a DX shrine there .... :o -kvz]
(Kenneth Vito Zichi, ed., MARE Tipsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

WTFK? Band plan subject to adjustments:

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``BAND    CW     SSB    RTTY    FT8
   160   1826.5  xxxx   xxxx    1835
    80   3523    3785   3580    3570
    60   5400    5400   xxxx    5357  ***
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40	7023	7082	7045	7071
30	10108	xxxx	10142	10133
20	14023	14185	14080	14067
17	18079	18130	18099	18095
15	21023	21285	21080	21067
12	24894	24955	24912	24912
10	28023	28485	28080	28067
6	50190 (EME)	xxx	xxx	50316
2	144144 (EME)	xxx	xxx	xxx

*** We will follow Norwayís 60 meter frequency allocation plan. Our transmit frequency will be 5400 kHz for CW and SSB, operating true SPLIT. Our FT8 transmit frequency will be 5357 kHz`` (via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

Whoopee, no doubt an exciting adventure one can share in by hearing or even contacting them --- but really, what is the difference between operating from a remote island, and operating from some otherwise uninhabited gridsquare in the middle of any ocean? (gh, DXLD)

{Their departure was delayed until January 19, and thus not likely to arrive at Bouvet before January 30 --- gh}

** BRAZIL. 3365 kHz, R·dio Cultura de Araraquara/ Transmitindo o Jogo do Ferrovi·ria VS Ituano, 2228 UT Dia 20 de Janeiro 2018, SINPO 45444 =ªªª Essa emissora sÚmente vai ao ar em jogos importantes na cidade de Araraquara / SP
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moabPGwoGfo
RX: Yaesu FRG 8800. Antenna: Beverage simples. DXer: (Daniel Wyllyans - SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia - Nova Xavantina - Mato Grosso - Brasil Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

This station goes on air only for important local games, he says (gh)

** BRAZIL. 6010.023, Probably ?, R InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, JBA on threshold S=5-6 at 0446 UT. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] Log of Jan 19, 0430-0500 UT, remote access to central Florida, USA and Edmonton Alberta-CAN units (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6010.0, Radio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 0803-0835, 20-01, Brazilian songs, Portuguese, comments, ID ìR·dio InconfidÍnciaî, ìTrem Caipiraî. Returned to 6010, instead of 6011.7 days ago. 15321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9564.915, SRDA Curitiba S=7 signal across the southern

Pacific Ocean path in dark zone, noted at 0951 UT on Jan 18. - Also some other Brazilian broadcasts heard in 25 and 31 mb at Seoul at this time [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, remote SDR units in Seoul KOR and New Delhi IND locations, today Jan 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 10000, Time Signal Station ObservatÛrio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, 2127-2133, 19-01, time signals, female voice announcements: ìObservatÛrio Nacional, 19 horas, 28 minutos, 40 segundosî. 22322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Quick scan of Brazilian stations on Saturday evening, January 20. Frequencies measured with a RFSpace NetSDR locked to a GPS disciplined oscillator.

04845.003 R. Cultura do Amazonas JAN 20 2333
04862.08v R. Alvorada JAN 20 2332
04875.257 R. Roraima JAN 20 2331
04885.010 R. Acreana JAN 20 2330
04885.022 R. Clube do Par· JAN 20 2328
04904.986 R. RelÛgio JAN 20 2350
05939.795 R. Voz Mission·ria JAN 20 2325
06010.016 R. InconfidÍncia JAN 20 2321 (back closer to nominal 6010
from previous 6011+ kHz) WORLD OF RADIO 1914,
06040.673 R. Evangelizar JAN 20 2350
06080.024 R. Marumby JAN 20 2316
07999.709 R. Casa (p) JAN 20 2348
09564.918 Super R·dio Deus È Amor JAN 2323
09665.007 R. Voz Mission·ria JAN 20 2325
09674.914 R. CanÁ„o Nova JAN 20 2146
09725.371 R. Evangelizar JAN 20 2144
09819.110 R. 9 del Julho JAN 20 2136
11815.014 R. Brasil Central JAN 20 2137
11854.825 R. Aparecida JAN 20 2139
11934.899 R. Evangelizar JAN 20 2140
-- 73, (Brandon Jordan, KM4PBQ, Fayette County, TN EM55
http://www.swldx.us dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Brandon, checked on remote SDR in Detroit Michigan US this Jan 21 UTC morning. 73 wb df5sx

[Brandon`s first with the date, then wb`s findings:]

04862.08v R. Alvorada JAN 20 2332
04862.350 ... x.360 unstable fq

04885.010 R. Acreana JAN 20 2330

04885.013 0511 UT

04885.022 R. Clube do Para JAN 20 2328
04885.022 0512 UT

05939.795 R Voz Mission·ria JAN 20 2325
05939.799 0517 UT

06010.016 R. Inconfidencia JAN 20 2321 (back closer to nominal 6010 from previous 6011+ Khz)
06010.021 0519 UT

06040.673 R. Evangelizar JAN 20 2350
yes, 0520 UT

06059.832 0521 UT ZYE726 SRDA "Super Radio Deus e Amor, Curitiba, PR" 180 Hertz interference BUZZ; and bad co-channel mixture RHC and Issoudun RTA Algiers Arabic HQ prayer.

09564.918 Super R·dio Deus È Amor JAN 2323
09564.922 0530 UT, (+Cuban jamming scratching spur in background)

09665.007 R Voz Mission·ria JAN 20 2325
yes, 0533 UT, strong S=8 in MI-US

09674.914 R. CanÁ„o Nova JAN 20 2146
09674.919 0634 UT

09725.371 R. Evangelizar JAN 20 2144
09725.374 0536 UT

09819.110 R. 9 del Julho JAN 20 2136
09819.111 0538 UT, unstable fq hopping

11815.014 R. Brasil Central JAN 20 2137
11815.019 0540 UT

11854.825 R. Aparecida JAN 20 2139
11854.833 0541 UT

11934.899 R. Evangelizar JAN 20 2140
11934.904 0543 UT
(Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Altho some match as ``yes``, many of wb`s measurements are 3 to 5 Hz above Brandon`s, none below, so which are we to believe? Of course anystation could vary a few Hz over an 8-hour period, but there is a pattern here (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Brazilian bandscan Jan 21 2230-2330 UT

A follow-up to the bandscan posted yesterday. Frequencies measured with an RFSpace NetSDR locked to a GPS disciplined oscillator using an Array Solutions SAL-20 Shared Apex Loop.

04845.003 ZYF278 R. Cultura do Amazonas, Manaus-AM (poor to fair)
04862.36v ZYG641 R. Alvorada, Londrina-PR (poor)
04875.252 ZYG810 R. Roraima, Boa Vista-RR (very good)
04885.006 ZYF201 R. Acreana, Rio Branco-AC (carrier only)
04885.021 ZYG362 R. Clube do Par·, BelÈm-PA (poor-fair, dominant)
04904.986 ZYG683 (t) R. RelÛgio Federal, S„o GonÁalo-RJ (JBA)
04925.214 ZYF282 R. EducaÁ„o Rural, TefÈ-AM (poor)
05939.790 ZYE890 R. Voz Mission·ria, Cambori˙-SC (fair sig amidst +/1 5 kHz slop)
06010.012 ZYE521 R. InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte-MG (fair to good) [WORLD OF RADIO 1914]
06040.671 ZYE275 R. Evangelizar, Curitiba-PR (fair in USB to avoid CNR 6040)
06080.035 ZYE726 R. Marumby, Curitiba-PR (poor to fair, dominant over likely CNR)
07999.708 Pirate (p) R. Casa, Amparo-SP (carrier, hint of audio)
09564.911 ZYE727 Super R·dio Deus È Amor, Curitaba-PR (covered by Marti+jammer)
09639.949 (t) ZYE954 R. Aparecida, Aparecida-SP (Carrier only, loops SE)
09665.007 ZYE890 R. Voz Mission·ria, Cambori˙-SC (good, co-channel likely CNR)
09674.912 ZYE??? R. CanÁ„o Nova, Cachoeira Paulista-SP (excellent)
09725.370 ZYE725 R. Evangelizar, Curitaba-PR (fair)
09819.111 ZYE971 R. Nove de Julho, S„o Paulo-SP (fair)
11815.019 ZYE440 R. Brasil Central, Goi,nia-GO (fair)
11854.822 ZYE954 R. Aparecida, Aparecida-SP (very good)
11914.989 (t) ZYE851 R. Ga˙cha, Porto Alegre-RS (carrier only, loops SE) Follow up: Tentative R. Ga˙cha carrier 11914.989 on yesterday's bandscan is Radio Saudi, on exact frequency with audio at 2050 check today Jan 22.
11934.901 ZYE725 R. Evangelizar, Curitiba-PR (very good)
15190.017 (t) ZYE521 R. InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte-MG (carrier only)
-- 73, (Brandon Jordan, KM4PBQ, Fayette County, TN EM55
http://www.swldx.us
Icom IC-7200, IC-7300, WinRadio G33DDC, G313e, RFSpace NetSDR, SDR-IQ Array Solutions SAL-20, Wellbrook ALA100LN 4'x32' Loop, Wellbrook FLG100 21x60' DKAZ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA [and non]. Shortwave Radiogram, 20-21 Jan this weekend is

mostly the usual MFSK32, but there is one item in Thor 22 so that we can practice processing images in this mode. Any slant and phase errors can be adjusted quickly.

Stories this weekend, each with an image, and all good arguments for maintaining shortwave:
Iranian MPs want to prevent use of foreign apps*
Uganda might launch its own social media platforms*
Russian moves towards creation of independent internet*

Details and schedule:
http://swradiogram.net/post/169899554352/shortwave-radiogram-20-21-january-2018-fear-not
(Kim Elliott, VA, Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

``The Thor 22 segment will begin with the SWRG avatar. You can save that with a left click on the avatar.``

!!! This is an instant save without demand dialog. This means: The file name, which is based on the call sign, must have been previously specified. If the form field is empty, then no operation takes place. The call sign = file name, requires at least one character (number or letter) and can be changed later. There is no danger of overwriting pictures, because name variants are automatically created (counters in the file extension).

http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/SW_Radiogram_2018-01-13.htm#avatar

When comparing THOR22 with MFSK32 under noisy conditions, there was no clear winner. The slightly higher speed speaks for the last candidate.

http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/SW_Radiogram_2018-01-13.htm#THOR22-MFSK32
(roger, ibid.)

** CAMEROON [non]. 9800. Jan 19, 2018. 1850-1857 Sawtu Linjilia Radio, Issoudun-FRAN«A, em Fulfulde. Apresentadores fazem uma entrevista com uma religiosa camaronesa, presumo; 1856 Locutor fala: ID; 1857 IS, ID, POBox do Cameroon e fin da esta ediÁ„o com IS ‡s 1858 UT. Emissora religiosa tem muito boa difus„o, dirigida a Camarıes, via Issoudun, 45544 (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Local da escuta: Cabedelo-PB, Brasil, Receptor: Sony 7600GR, Antena: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list, via DXLD)

** CANADA. CKRW 610 kHz now permanently off air

The CRTC approved the permanent closure of the broken CKRW AM facility (610 kHz) in Whitehorse. The station had retained the AM station even when it had developed a broader FM coverage of the region.

So the wording using standard phrases in
http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2018/2018-2.htm
is partly misleading. One might say, it is more like a change from where the network is "officially" fed.

Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2018-2
Reference: 2017-89
Ottawa, 4 January 2018
Klondike Broadcasting Company Limited, Whitehorse, Yukon, Application 2017-0192-0, received 13 March 2017
Public hearing in Gatineau, Quebec, 7 September 2017

CKRW Whitehorse ñ Conversion to the FM band

The Commission approves the application by Klondike Broadcasting Company Limited (Klondike) for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language commercial FM radio programming undertaking in Whitehorse, Yukon, to replace its English-language commercial AM radio programming undertaking CKRW Whitehorse. [...]

In CKRW Whitehorse ñ Licence amendment, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2017-89, 5 April 2017, the Commission temporarily authorized Klondike to originate programming from its rebroadcasting transmitter CKRW-FM Whitehorse under its existing technical parameters until 5 April 2018. Klondike submitted that its existing AM transmission facility is in need of extensive repairs and argued that the cost of restoring the facility and equipment would be unreasonably high.

The new FM station will operate at 96.1 MHz (channel 241B) with an effective radiated power of 4,400 watts (non-directional antenna with an effective height of the antenna above average terrain of 359 metres). The remaining rebroadcasting transmitters currently associated with CKRW will be reassigned as rebroadcasting transmitters of the new FM station.

The new FM station will maintain the Adult Contemporary music format currently offered on the AM station. It will broadcast 126 hours of programming per broadcast week, including 100 hours of local programming. Of this, 6 hours and 30 minutes will be dedicated to local, national and international news. [...]

Revocation of AM licence

Pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the Broadcasting Act and consistent with the licenseeís request, the Commission revokes the licence for CKRW Whitehorse once the licence for the new service has been issued. The new licence will be issued when the Department of

Industry confirms that its technical requirements have been met and a broadcasting certificate will be issued, and when the applicant informs the Commission in writing that it is prepared to commence operations according to the stationís new technical parameters. Secretary General (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 21 January 2018, DXLD)

** CANADA. Canadian FM station license information? Does the CRTC/Industry Canada have an FM Query Database like the FCC does?

I'm trying to verify data for an FM station. Wikipedia has two different sets of data which conflict with each other and REcNet's FCCdata.org has one set of data that agrees with something from wikipedia, but none of it agrees with the FCC's FM Query on CJED. Can anyone help? (Paul Walker, PA, Jan 20, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

I've never encountered an official database that is searchable online, but you can download the broadcast database at http://sms-sgs.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/sms-sgs-prod.nsf/eng/h_00015.html (Jon Ellis, ibid.)

I was JUST made aware of this:

https://sms-sgs.ic.gc.ca/licenseSearch/searchVirtualLicense?execution=e2s1

Search their call letters, view the PDF file of their broadcasting certificate and it'll show their licensed parameters (Paul Walker, ibid.)

Interesting, that one's new to me. It's also not blazingly fast :) (not a problem if you only care about one station).

The download Jon Ellis mentions is the only way I know of to pull EHAATs. (Canadian for HAAT. I guess they had to get their "Eh" in:))

It unzips into a collection of .dbf files. IIRC you can open them in Excel.

The current information in the .dbf files on CJED-FM: 15 kW H&V/127.9m EHAAT at 43-05-37/79-12-52.

That matches what I see in FCC FM Query, albeit under their old call letters CFLZ-FM. There's a "Proposed" assignment of 30 kW/170 m at a different site but that's not where it got built.

That Wikipedia page is not particularly well-edited. The box in the upper right says 406 watts average, but the text under "1992-2011: Early years" says they increased from 406 watts to 7,200 and then decreased back to 4,000. CJED is directional so it's possible they're

in fact operating at 4 kW average power; the 15 kW figure is peak (so it matches FCC practice).

Unlike the FCC DB, Canada doesn't keep archive records (that I know of) so there's no way to pull up official information on past CJED-FM facilities.

BE VERY CAREFUL USING THE FCC DATABASE FOR FOREIGN STATIONS
IT IS OFTEN WRONG.

As the Commission itself says in several places, "Records for stations outside the USA are derived from international notifications." These notifications are made for the purpose of ensuring the USA doesn't authorize any station that would cause interference in Canada. They are not always entirely accurate. Especially for stations at a considerable distance from the border, where interference from the USA is impossible.

FM example: the FCC DB says there is an unused Class A allocation at Red Lake, Ontario for 97.1. There is in fact an operating station on 97.1 in Red Lake. But Red Lake is too far from the border to be susceptible to U.S. interference -- and protecting an allocation is adequate to protect a station.

Indeed, I note TV Query currently shows NO operating TV stations in Ontario -- but 99 DTV channel assignments. I suspect they're actually post-repack assignments as none are above channel 35. There are at least eight Ontario stations operating above channel 35.

In AM Query, they tend not to "un-notify" stations when they go dark. Pulling up a list of Ontario stations in AM Query brings up dozens of zombies - stations which no longer exist. CHYR-710; CBQ-800; CJCS-1240 among many more. The AM database is particularly difficult as it contains listings for the entire Western Hemisphere. -- == (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, wtfda gg via DXLD)

Never trust the FCC for Canadian data. Signed, a Canadian.

For TV Channel 2, for example, the FCC shows all the Canadian stations and "allocations" as "construction permits" in DT mode, even if they are already on the air and even if they are analogue. This is totally wrong. For example CIII-TV-2 is assigned channel 11 for DT, not 2. It does not have a construction permit for DT on ch 2. CKSA-DT is shown as a CP, even though it's been on for years. wrh (William Hepburn, Ont., Jan 22, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

The FCC data may indeed originate from Canada, but it still is usually inaccurate. The FCC really doesn't put any resources into keeping

listing updated since their reason for being there is really only to place-hold for treaty/interference purposes. Details such as power and coordinates aren't critical to that. And the data quality gets even worse for Mexico and Central America (Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, Blue Bell, PA, Grid FN20id, ibid.)

I can't speak to the AM or FM side, but on the TV side in LMS, the data quality is not bad at present. Certainly better than it was in the past. The handful of analog facilities still on the air are now listed as digital in LMS just to serve as placeholders, but basically everything else reflects the operating parameters of the stations either, if they're not repacked, exactly as we had them before the auction, or, if they are repacked, with adjusted power levels on the post-repack channels. Current operating facilities for repacked digital stations are not reflected in LMS since the purpose of the records are for post-auction coordination purposes only (Trip www.rabbitears.info Ericson, [who worx for FCC], Jan 22, ibid.)

** CANADA. 'IT'S LIKE FRANKENSTEIN'S LAB': MASSIVE 78-YEAR-OLD TRANSMITTER FOR SALE --- Mi'kmaq group hopes it finds 'a good home'

By Tori Weldon, CBC News Posted: Jan 22, 2018 6:00 AM AT
Last Updated: Jan 22, 2018 1:44 PM AT CBC 22 January 2018

A piece of radio history could be yours for $5,000.

A 1940 RCA 50 kW shortwave transmitter, located at the decommissioned Radio Canada International Site in Sackville, is up for sale.

The transmitter is a small room, about five metres long by two-and-a-half metres wide, and it's filled with lever, buttons, glass tubes and wires.

The property was bought in February 2017 by Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Incorporated (MTI), a group of Mi'Kmaq First Nations. Jesse John Simon, the group's executive director, said workers are still taking electronic components apart and removing old equipment that won't be needed now that property is no longer a broadcast site.

The old transmitter doesn't work anymore, said Marc Goldstein, an electrical engineer helping to take out equipment no longer needed, adding it was decommissioned in the 1970s.

"It took three men to operate this radio," he said.

"We're trying to find a home for it."

More on this story here:

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/mi-kmaq-transmitter-radio-canada-1.4495286
Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD) The rest of it, illustrated!:

Lots of character

Goldstein said the group is asking $5,000 for the transmitter. While it no longer works, he said it does have character.

"It's like Frankenstein's lab," said Goldstein.

Marc Goldstein is an electrical engineer who is working on the site, helping to decommission and clean up the site. He said he uses old diagrams to help find wiring. (Tori Weldon/CBC) [caption]

Tasked with finding a buyer, he reached out to Amanda Dawn Christie. She made an art film based on the towers and the site's rich history. Christie passed word of the historic transmitter via her social media accounts.

"I emailed her asking if there was a home for this thing and she started a wildfire," Goldstein said.

While people interested in the transmitter have been reaching out, there are no takers so far.

"A couple of the fellows thought this was still operational. They wanted to use it as a radio, but now they know it's a museum piece, there's still some interest in the components."

Rich history

The transmitter was kept on site so visitors could get a sense of RCI's history. Opened in 1944, the first RCI broadcast went out over the airwaves, transmitted to spots around the globe from Sackville's 13 towers.

RCA Transmitter [caption]
This photo was taken at the site in 2012 a few months before the Radio Canada International towers stopped broadcasting. (Thomas Witherspoon)

But after budget cuts in 2012, CBC announced that the shortwave service would end after 67 years of broadcasting. The towers were taken down after a buyer couldn't be found for the site as it was.

Simon said the group has hopes for the 222-acre property. But for the time being, the group plans to remove everything not needed, while

maintaining the building.

RCI RCA 50 KW transmitter component [caption]
A cathode tune, part of the RCA 50 KW transmitter on the former RCI radio tower site. The property was bought by a group of New Brunswick Mi'kmaq first nations last February. The 1940 transmitter doesn't work but is for sale. (Tori Weldon/CBC)

"What we want to do is generate some economic development for the First Nations, and this is our first foray into a multi community investment," said Simon.

He said some ideas already brought forward were medical marijuana, honey production and retail. The group is considering options at the moment, but Simon said one important factor is whatever is developed on the site must be a good environmental fit.

The site is near wetlands, and the group doesn't want any heavy industry damaging it (also via Gerald T Pollard and Artie Bigley, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

Wonder what happened to the other Sackville transmitters? There were six 250 kW and at least a couple of 100 kW units still there in 2012. Many memories of listening to the three 50 kW RCA's back in the 1960s before Sackville was expanded (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Me, too. One of my first QSL cards was from the CBC/Radio-Canada International Service for a report on CKLO, 9630 kc/s, signed by (a stamp) Basil "Pip" Duke, supervisor of engineering services. Back in those days, the transmitter/frequency combination had its own call letters (-- Richard Langley, Fredericton, ibid.)

** CHINA. I'd like to share this file, which was adapted from my original Facebook post about six different ways Chinese stations ID and what each means, along with some audio examples. It was based upon a question I had received about non-standard IDs. I decided to procrastinate the important things in life to throw this together and share it.

Because I'm starting to think my mails are being blocked due to including a link, the link has added spaces in it. Delete these spaces before trying to follow the link: [already recomposed here --- gh]

http://www.beaglebass.com/dx/audio/seoul/ID/Identifying_Mandarin.pdf

Much of the content of the eight audio clips are transcribed in Chinese characters, pinyin, and English translations to make more

sense out of it.

Perhaps next time you catch a Chinese station that no longer gives that standard government-issued top-of-hour ID, you'll be able to add it to your logs without any help! (-Chris Kadlec, Jan 18, IRCA via DXLD)

** CHINA. 5050, Beibu Bay Radio. On Jan 19, during 1500-1530, with mostly Chinese, but also with what I would best describe as an eclectic assortment of English (brief comedy skit and reading of Lord Byron's "She Walks in Beauty," by Vincent Price); songs in English (Mac Davis with "Baby Don't Get Hooked On Me," Augustana with "Boston," Fiddler on the Roof (Broadway) song "To Life"; mostly fair. My recording at
http://goo.gl/iWA67s

5050, Beibu Bay Radio. On Jan 21, from 1445 to 1450, with business Chinese language lesson and also announcer in Vietnamese; Chinese lesson slowly repeating a number of times as to when a store would be open for business and then repeating several times just the word for store (translated by native speaker of Mandarin Chinese). Have found these daily five minute language lessons being aired during the 1445-1500 time period (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 6175, Jan 20 at 2245, pop song, indeterminate language or ethnicity, good // weaker 7260. HFCC shows CRI Portuguese, 6175 Albania and 7260 Urumqi, East Turkistan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 6045, CNR1 at 1226 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in Mandarin via Thailand with a man and woman with excited talk and promos ñ Weak Jan 21

7300, CNR1 at 1233 // 6045 in Mandarin jamming RTI in Mandarin with a man and woman with excited talk ñ Weak Jan 21

7470, CNR1 at 2201 in Mandarin jamming RFA in Tibetan via Tajikistan with a man and woman with excited talk ñ Poor to Fair Jan 21

7480, CNR1 at 2204 // 7470 in Mandarin jamming RFA in Tibetan via Kuwait with a man and woman with excited talk ñ Poor to Fair Jan 21

7470, CNR1 at 2235 in Mandarin jamming RFA in Tibetan via Tajikistan with a man and woman with excited talk ñ Fair Jan 23

7480, CNR1 at 2236 // 7470 in Mandarin jamming RFA in Tibetan via Kuwait with a man and woman with excited talk ñ Fair Jan 23

(Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

From his wording it`s not clear whether he also hears the jammees; if not, this should be headed merely CHINA (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 9790.027, Jan 18 at 1536, SSOB S9+10 except for 9980 WWCRBS S9+20, heavy clash in Chinese, with fast SAH. Atop and off-frequency, wavering slightly also, is probably RFA SAIPAN as scheduled this hour only; abottom is its CNR1 jammer (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 5910.237, Jan 22 at 0335, VP signal with music, no doubt the sporadic Alcarav·n Radio, typically way off-frequency. 0427 much better S7-S9 with song, Spanish announcement (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910.2, Alcarav·n Radio, Puerto Lleras, 0523-0535, 23-01, Latin American songs. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO. 6115, Radio Congo, Brazaville, 1755-1810, 19-01, French, comments, at 1800: ìRadio Congo, le journalî, news. 12321. Also *0558-0625, 20-01, French, ID ìRadio Congoî, ìNotre programmationî, male, female, comments, some vernacular comments, African songs. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Cuba has over 2 dozen transmitters on 1180, running the Radio Rebelde network. You'll probably hear an "echo" if you listen closely. Radio Rebelde can be identified by two things which may (or may not) be heard once or twice around the top and/or bottom of each hour:

1) a 9-note theme played on some kind of fife or piccolo, D-B, G-D-B-G-D-B, G, where D is the lowest note and B the highest, and

2) a series of clashing chords played on an organ. This network broadcasts on many other channels - try 600, 670, 710, 1620.

890 would probably also be Cuba, the Radio Progreso network. I believe the 890 was knocked off the air in last September's hurricane (they were conspicuously absent from my Border Inn beverage site recordings) but I wouldn't be surprised if they were back on the air by now. They often run lively Cuban big band music with lots of Latin percussion and often a very piercing piccolo counter-melody solo which can be very handy when you're looking for parallels (try 640 and 900).

Both networks give very clear slogan IDs so you can ID them with a little patience. Both networks also play the Cuban national anthem within a few minutes of midnight Cuba time (as do pretty much all Cuban stations). This anthem has a very distinctive trumpet and brass fanfare at the beginning. Kind of makes you think of Roman gladiator music from a movie.

What's 530 like where you live? If you can get rid of CIAO (and any local TIS stations and electrical noise) there are a couple Cubans that get out well. The first one, Radio Enciclopedia, runs a really nice "elevator music" format with a female announcer. They run a light guitar theme at the top of each hour. The other used to be Radio Rebelde (2 stations), but I've heard people say that one or both recently switched to Radio Caribe. HTH 73 (Tim Hall, Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone, Jan 18, ABDX via DXLD)

** CUBA. 1320, Radio 26, La Jaiba, Matanzas. 1120 January 19, 2018. Fair-poor, parallel 1060 kc/s with Cuban folk vocal (Terry L. Krueger, All times/dates GMT, Clearwater FL, IC-R75, NRD-535. longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 1620, Jan 19 at 2322, R. Rebelde with deportes report, a slight echo apart from // 5025, 6:22 TC; adjacent 1610 has even stronger Spanish, from where else, Toronto, CHHA with music and YL DJ giving 416 phone number for requests (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 9570, CRI with tremendously strong signal splattering all the way out 20 kHz on both sides at 1205. 17 Jan. Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** CUBA. 15370, RHC. Around 1520, I was getting bands of buzzing noise in the 19 meterband which I thought was coming from a local origin. I discovered it was in fact being generated by Radio Havana Cuba every 67 kilohertz above and below their primary frequency. The first ones above and below were very strong. A Youtube video of the reception showing the noise can be found using this link:
https://youtu.be/03siD5md7Lw
17 Jan. Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

15230, 15300, 15440, 15510, approx., etc., Jan 17 at 1455, quick check to reconfirm the RHC-FM service, while source 15370 remains in AM only. Some monitors who don`t read my logs are now discovering these.

6100, Jan 18 at 0703, RHC is S9-S7 of dead air instead of English.

6165 is undermodulated, 6000 slightly better, and 6060 best by far with normal modulation, but as always, hetted upon by off-frequency Brazilian. Something is always wrong at RHC.

15011, 15152, 15224, 15296, 15333, 15407, 15444, 15480, 15517, 15554? approx., Jan 18 at 1450, RHC spurblobs from 15370-AM are way off-frequency today, at approx. 37 kHz intervals instead of 65-70! Closer ones demodulate in FM tuning only, e.g. spreading 15290-15301. So now a completely different set of real-station victims on the band.

Recheck at 1522, now back to ``normal`` with the major ones landing circa 15510, 15440, 15300, and totally blotting the only other real RHC transmitter on 15230. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Log of Jan 19, 0430-0500 UT, remote access to central Florida, USA and Edmonton Alberta-CAN units:

4765even, Radio Progreso, Bejucal, scheduled daily 0130-0500 UT. S=9+35dB monitored in Florida, 0430 UT on Jan 19. 14 kHz wideband in peaks. 'CorazÛn' vocal. S=9+40dB in Alberta (selected ATT 30dB switch)

5025even, Radio Rebelde Bauta, S=9+25dB, music program at 0435 UT on Jan 19. S=9+10dB in Alberta-CAN (selected ATT 30dB switch). S=9+25dB on remote unit in Florida remote SDR.

5040even, RHC Bauta in Spanish at 0428 UT. S=9+45dB in Alberta, (selected ATT 30dB switch).

6000even, RHC Quivic·n San Felipe TIT¡N site, English at 0443 UT, S=9+45dB in Alberta, (selected ATT 30dB switch).

6060even, RHC Bauta in Spanish at 0448 UT. S=9+40dB in Alberta, (selected ATT 30dB switch). Broad 34 kHz much wideband signal.

6165even, RHC Bauta in English at 0451 UT. S=9+35dB in Alberta, (selected ATT 30dB switch). BUT ONLY VERY LOW MODULATION, !!!!!!! of tiny 5% modulation. Not easy to follow the RHC program content.

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 15574, 15506, 15438, 15303, 15237, 15167, 15104, 15036, approx. centers of RHC-FM spurs out of 15370-AM, Jan 19 at 1517. Only the closer ones audiblize `Sonido Cubano` music without crackle, and spread up to 10 kHz wide, sounding clear but low if tuned anywhere within that range, such as 15302-15308, 15431-15441, 15504-15508.

Always accompanied by a constant tone, which my keyboard matches to F# above C middle, i.e. about 370 Hz; why?

Instead of the same old boring stuff over and over about ham radio, home-brewing, propagation, etc., Arnie should do a case-study for `DXers Unlimited` (and `En Contacto`), about these RHC FM transmissions, and countless other anomalies. There must be a technical explanation about how they arise. The 65-70 kHz typical intervals remind me of FM subcarrier frequencies, maybe not filtered out of their STLs? But in that case he would have to admit that they exist, and have for aeons.

At least technical details about how the DentroCuban Jamming Command operates would also be of great interest: differing sounds, powers, antennas, sites, coˆrdination, etc. Ditto on admissions. We can only hope to find out about those from an informed defector or in the post-revolutionary era, which cannot come soon enough.

9720, Jan 19 at 2312, RHC in French, as sked, poor-fair, so I try 5040 for //, but no, it`s in Spanish, and as also in official sked, unlike English at 0000 ``to Africa`` which is on both.

5040, Jan 20 at 0747, RHC English is still on, rather than stopping at 0700 an hour earlier than the sixies, all with weaker modulation, in descending order: 6060, 6100, 6000, 6165, but this time even the least of these overkills is sufficient, but why listen to it when you have all the better ones?

15508, 15439, 15302, 15233, 15166, 15097, 15031, 14892, Jan 20 at 1538, quick check of RHC-FM spurs finds them around these spots about 69 kHz apart, accompanied by the constant F# tone above mid-C.

As to what causes them, ``There must be a technical explanation about how they arise. The 65-70 kHz typical intervals remind me of FM subcarrier frequencies, maybe not filtered out of their STLs?``

Kai Ludwig says, ``Has anyone outside the USA ever run such subcarrier services? But even if so, and even in Cuba: It can safely be ruled out that they feed a baseband signal for FM transmission to their shortwave facilities.

In fact these 65...70 kHz are very likely the switching frequency of the PDM/PSM modulator. A pretty common source of such spurious signals. Kai``. There you go, Arnie, fix it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5040, Jan 21 at 0702, RHC English hour restarting, this-day-in-history about Guinea-Bissau; VG, like last night rather than off by 0700. But

too sleepy to check whether it stayed later in this hour.

11820, Jan 21 at 1428, as I am bandscanning up the 11 MHz band, weak music and talk, S5 --- it`s a second-order spur, 2 x 10 kHz below // RHC 11840 fundamental which is S9+40. First-order ones at plus and minus 10 kHz are always there, 11830 & 11850, today achieving S9+10 each. Matching +20 kHz on 11860 is S6, about equaling weak Yemen [non] signal, CCI! All-out, let`s go for plus and minus 30: JBA carriers on 11810 & 11870 could well be RHC too.

Strange that only 11840 exhibits such companionship, as same transmitter likely used on other frequencies at other dayparts. And these are at exact 10.00 kHz intervals, as if intentional, not random spurrage. O yes, adding to the mix is pulse jamming on 11845, years after Radio MartÌ quit ever using it. Something`s always wrong with Cuban broadcasts and anti-broadcasts.

15574, 15507, 15438, 15303, 15235, 15167, 15100, 15032, 14961, Jan 21 at 1439 during `En Contacto`, indeed, RHC-FM spurs roughly on these center frequencies, at ~67-68 kHz intervals, and all except the lowest two capable of being heard more or less clearly with FM mode tuning, plus the constant F# tone, which can also be heard in AM; all out of the prolific 15370-AM transmitter. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

5040, Jan 22 at 0707, this RHC English is now off, unlike some other nights, leaving only the Cuban Four of Five: 6060 VG, 6000 undermodulated, 6100 dead air, 6165 DA or maybe JBM. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

15576, 15508, 15439, 15302, 15234, 15166, 15098, 15031, 14963, Jan 22 at 1517 check, the approx. centers of RHC-FM spurs out of 15370-AM. 15234 manages to QRM both RHC 15230 and algo legally on 15235. During `Sonido Cubano` music show, but still sounds better on AM. Something is always wrong at RHC.

15370-AM, Jan 23 at 1530, RHC is S9+30 and undermodulated, but NO FM SPURS all over the 19m band for the first time in weeks! As if they finally took note of my almost daily reports, and Kai Ludwig`s explanation of the likely cause. But could be a fluke; we`ll keep checking (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, FLUKE. They were all back Jan 24! (gh)

** CUBA [and non]. 7435, Jan 20 at 0734, R. MartÌ is still running here // stronger 7355 and weaker 6030, but NOT on 5980, which used to take over from 7435 at 0700; mistake, or change? Latest HFCC of Jan 17 still shows OCB Spanish at 07-13 on 5980, and neither 7 MHz after 0700. Now opens up 5980 for the WWCR mixing products, q.v. It seems

the jammers already know this.

BTW, generally, 7355 is stronger and clearer of jamming than its // on the same band, be it 7365, 7375 or 7435; not clear why, off here to the side of the beams toward Cuba, which means the comparison may be entirely different down there.

5980, Jan 21 at 0701, R. MartÌ still on here with jamming, unlike last night`s anomalies. 7355 & 7435 with jamming only; 6030 RM + jamming too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DENMARK. Reception of World Music Radio Denmark on Jan 20:
0755 & 0005 on 5840 tx Randers 001 kW to Eu, weak/fair signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-world-music-radio-denmark_20.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1053 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 20, 2018 via DXLD)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. INTERESANTES CONCEPTOS DE TEO VERAS SOBRE LA RADIO DE HOY --- 19/01/2018
https://gruporadioescuchaargentino.wordpress.com/2018/01/19/interesantes-conceptos-de-teo-veras-sobre-la-radio-de-hoy/

El productor, locutor y empresario radial, Teo Veras, declarÛ que los radiodifusores dominicanos la dejaron morir las emisoras de Amplitud Modulada mejor conocida como AM a medida que la Frecuencia Modulada FM, fue tomando fuerza.

Resultado de imagen para teo veras [capciÛn]

Veras dijo que los empresarios radiales dominicanos no invirtieron en su momento y por eso la mayorÌa de las emisoras de AM han sido sacadas del aire, contrario a otros paÌses de la regiÛn dÛnde Èstas siguen vigentes, porque a travÈs que Èsta es que se dan las noticias.

Indica que en otros paÌses de la regiÛn la frecuencia de Amplitud Modulada AM, sigue siendo importante tanto o igual que la Frecuencia Modulada FM.

Denominado tambiÈn como el ®Papa de la Frecuencia Modulada FM®, dijo que para rescatar la frecuencia de Amplitud Modulada se necesita que los radiodifusores inviertan lo necesario para cambiar transmisiÛn analÛgica a digital, adem·s de ampliar el parque de receptores digitales para poderla escuchar.

Por otra parte, manifestÛ que la tecnologÌa ha contribuido grandemente para que los medios de comunicaciÛn, Radio y TelevisiÛn se desarrollen constantemente a travÈs de las Redes Sociales.

®Ahora mismo las redes sociales est·n siendo usadas por una gran cantidad de gente en todo el mundo y los medios de comunicaciÛn, tanto, escrita, radial y televisiva est·n detr·s de esa transformaciÛn, por la gran concentraciÛn de personas que incursionan y se dedican a inventar algo nuevo tecnolÛgicamente®.

Veras dijo que la proliferaciÛn de gente que incursionan en las Redes Sociales, Facebook, You Tube, Instagram, LinkedIn y Messenger cada dÌa es mayor; eso ha permitido que la tecnologÌa se mantenga en constante movimiento y superaciÛn (source? GRA blog via DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. Radio Akhbar Mufriha via BaBcoCk Woofferton & Ascension, Jan 21
2100-2145 7300 WOF 250 kW / 170 deg NoAf Tachelhit/Arabic, fair/good
2145-2215 9530 ASC 125 kW / 027 deg WeAf Hassinya Thu-Tue, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/radio-akhbar-mufriha-via-babcock.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 21-22, dxldyg via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. *0530-0559, 23-01, open today with news in Spanish, male, "Malabo", Guinea Ecuatorial", "Esto es Radio Bata", songs. 154321 [sic] (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WTFK? Must be 5005. Normally in Spanish would say ``…sta es Radio --- ``. But I am sure Manuel would know which, so why trans-gender it halfway to neuter? Esto is not masculine, but refers to abstraxions only. Este is m. Is that a Castilian colonial thing? (gh, DXLD)

5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, *0529-0633, 20-01, open with African songs, male ID ìRadio Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorialî, more African songs, Spanish, at 0603 news: ìComenzamos con los titularesî, ìLa OrganizaciÛn Internacional..., en Malaboî, ìSeguimos con la informaciÛn nacionalî, ìLos miembros del Partido Social...î, from about 0623 signal became very weak due to daylight path and at 0633 it was inaudible. 25322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Bata 5005, good and clear signal now, 0530, African songs, male, ID, 25332 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Jan 20, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 7181.553, Jan 22 at 0351, S7 carrier, trace of talk, from VOBME on typical split frequency. INTRUDERS in the 40m ham band.

7140.018, Jan 22 at 0353, JBA carrier even weaker from the other

VOBME. No DRM jamming audible around either but that too could be so weak as to be indistinguishable from band noise level. Hargeisa is much stronger (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Inadvertently omitted credit for second log of this cited on last week`s WOR 1913: it was by Richard A. D`Angelo, PA (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. R Ethiopia in Tigrinya, instead of English/French Jan 18:
1600-1702 7236.6 GDR 100 kW / non-dir EaAf, not English/French & off
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/radio-ethiopia-in-tigrinya-instead-of.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18-19, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 5939.78, 0415-0420 19.1, Ethiopian Somali Regional State R, Jigjiga, Somali conversation, 25232

5950.00, 0345-0350 19-1, Voice of the Tigray Revolution, Addis Ababa, Tigrinya talk with Horn of Africa flute, 45344

6030.00, 0350-0355 19.1, R Oromiya, Adena, via Geja Jewe, Oroomo ann, Horn of Africa songs, 44333

6090.00, 0355-0400 19.1, Amhara State R, Geja Jewe, Amharic conversation with laughter, Horn of Africa song, 44434

6110.00, 0400-0405 19.1, R Fana, Addis Ababa, Amharic, two ID's: "Fana Broadcasting Corporation", news with interview, 35333 (Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. GERMANY, Reception of Voice of Oromo Liberation via MBR Nauen, Jan 17:
1700-1800 11810 NAU 100 kW / 144 deg EaAf Afar Oromo/Amharic Wed, good
From 1703 broadcast is jammed by Ethiopia with digital white noise
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-voice-of-oromo-liberation_17.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 16-17, dxldyg via DXLD)

Reception of Voice of Oromo Liberation via MBR Nauen, Jan 21:
1700-1730 11810 NAU 100 kW / 144 deg EaAf Afar Oromo Wed/Fri/Sun, good
From 1703 broadcast is jammed by Ethiopia with digital white noise
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-voice-of-oromo-liberation_21.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Reception of Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via MBR Issoudun on Jan 20

1600-1630 11970 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg EaAf Somali Tue/Sat, very good:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-xoriyo-ogaden-via_21.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. QSL: 17630, Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via Issoudun. Full data (with site) .pdf Media Broadcast QSL for a report sent to: qsl-shortwave@media-broadcast.com Reply in 105 days. v/s: Michael Puetz (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. 13800, Studio 52 at 1842 thanks to a tip from Sheryl Paszkiewicz with pop and rock vocals and a man with ID and email of studio52@planet.nl ñ Very Good Jan 20 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

?? Details? No such broadcast, nor any 13800 transmission at this time in HFCC (except for imaginary Oman), Aoki or EiBi. I suppose it`s a last-minute/special booking via MBR. Was it publicized this time, or a lucky catch of hers? Here`s the last we had about it from a few weeks ago:

``NETHERLANDS [non]. GERMANY(non)[sic], Dutch Pirate Studio 52 will be on air via MBR Issoudun:
1200-1400 on 5970 ISS 500 kW / 021 deg to WeEu Dutch/English on Jan 1
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/12/dutch-pirate-studio-52-will-be-on-air.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, December 28-29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)`` (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

13800, UNKNOWN, 1/20, 1810-1830. Open carrier, 1830-1900 S/OFF. No modulation until 1830 then very commercial sounding DJ in French(?) many mentions of Radio ? mainly rock style music with heavy base beat. Poor modulation despite strong signal fading to poor. Abrupt S/OFF 1900 (George Herr, CA, Perseus SDR, PAR SWL, LW, V, Vertical in palm tree, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 21 via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

** GERMANY. [Re 18-02] Correcting a previous item which said: ``But this sked does match up at all with its B-17 under CANADA in WRTH 2018``, while I meant to say *does not* --- fixed:

11790, Jan 8 at 1514, VG signal S9+10 to S9 with flutter, sounds like Farsi. HFCC shows 15-16, MBR Nauen, 125 kW, 96 degrees, multilingual on M/W/F only. Aoki shows Bible Voice Broadcasting, Arabic on Monday, Urdu Wed & Fri. But this sked does not match up at all with its B-17 under CANADA in WRTH 2018 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 7310, Short Wave Service, Kall Krekel, 1015-1120, 20-01,

pop songs in English, ID ìShort Wave Serviceî, at 1100 Radio Mi Amigo program. 35433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. eQSL from Germanyís Shortwave Radio Service
ATT to dxldyg: 1 Files 5KB JPEG

I had forgotten about sending a report to this new broadcaster last Fall while at the PEI DXPEDITION on possibly, the first day of test transmissions on 6160. Always nice to hear from a new broadcaster! Posted by: (Volodya Salmaniw, Jan 23, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. QSL: 3995 & 7365, HCJB via Weenermoor Transmitter. Rec'd an envelope with a full data photo of three studios of HCJB, one for 1931, Quito and Germany, with schedule and compliments card. Total time of one year to the date, for a GG/EE Postal Report to Radio HCJB Deutschland 32736 Postach 8025 Detmold Germany E-mail: info@hcjb.de v/s: illegible (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. AFN SHUTDOWN --- see USA [and non]

** GREECE. 9935, Voice of Greece; 2154-2203+, 1/13; M&W in Greek with Greek pop tunes; M&W IDs at 2100:25, no pips/tone, into tradíl Greek music. SIO=454; // 9420 SIO=454, 9420 slightly better; both continued after 2200 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' RW, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Strong signal from Voice of Greece on 9420 kHz this evening (17 January at 0313, both UT) here in NB. Nothing heard on 9935 kHz (-- Richard Langley, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, Jan 17 at 2040, VOG is on today with fair signal Greek music, alternative to the WRMIs above and below (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, ERT at 2016 in Greek with a male DJ playing pop vocals and instrumentals ñ Good Jan 23 ñ Nice to see them back on the air as Iíve been missing them here at my QTH (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** GUAM [and non]. 11900, Jan 18 at 1528, good S9-S6 S Asian music, 1529 English sign-off of AWR Guam, but fails to cite callsign! Off at 1530*. Scheduled daily is Nepali at 1500-1530. Also various other languages at 1300-1400 --- and RBAustralia intervening on 11900 at 1400-1500, lotsa more SAs langs, also complex day-by-day scheduling.

Then I tune up and immediately hear the AWR theme on two other frequencies.
11995, Jan 18 at 1530, AWR opening Punjabi but via Austria, weaker;
12035, Jan 18 at 1530, KSDA ID here, English opening Marathi (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

** GUAM. Trasmissioni test in DRM KTWR --- Ciao a tutti. Estremamente variabile, dipendentemente dalle condizioni della propagazione, la ricezione delle trasmissioni di prova della KTWR da Guam sulla frequenza di 17530 kHz dalle 0815 alle 0845 UT. Ascoltata con splendido segnale il 18 gennaio dalle 0830 alle 0845.

Condizioni di lavoro: ricevitore Kenwood TS 440S e antenna dipolo accordata. QTH: Tortorici, provincia di Messina. Convertitore DRM autocostruito. Vedere progetto al sito
https://www.webalice.it/it9tzz/Radioscolto/Convertitore DRM2
Allegati una clip audio e due screenshots. Buoni ascolti.
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ESCLUSIVAMENTE [sic] IN TELEGRAFIA
Sito web> www.webalice.it/it9tzz [1]
QRZ.com page> www.qrz.com/db/it9tzz [2], bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, Jan 17 at 0658, R. Verdad is still on with hymn in Spanish. Usually finished by 0610 after lengthy sign-off with anthem (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. 15000, WWVH at 2144 with female time announcements at 15 seconds before each minute and solar indices at 2145 ñ Weak but audible under WWV Jan 21 ñ I really long for the long gone days when reception of WWVH was a beacon of South Pacific reception conditions (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

Well, it may still be, except there are now only 5 SWBC stations in that area; plus two more irregular; and only one you might hear at that time (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR Hyderabad new transmitter on 738 kHz --- I am not receiving my local AIR Hyderabad station on 738 kHz today. When I contacted the station I was told that they are off air from yesterday to install their new 200 kW digital transmitter. The new transmitter is expected to be on air from tomorrow 19 Jan 2018. So look out on 738 kHz in the coming days. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Mobile: +91 94416 96043, http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos Jan 18, dx_india yg via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

** INDIA. 5040, AIR Jeypore. Jan 16, with day 4 of India vs RSA

cricket match being held in South Africa, at 1139+; seemed more English coverage today than usual (nice!); still also with Hindi coverage.

No cricket Jan 17, from AIR Jeypore. Did hear test tone at 1126; 1127 tone off; 1128 AIR IS; fair signal and at times good reception.

Jan 18, day 5 of cricket coverage, at 1220.

Still off frequency 7555.57v, AIR via Delhi-Kingsway, 1310, Jan 18. Daily slightly different frequency; subcontinent singing/chanting (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Ron, on different time slot I had contact to remote SDR units in Seoul KOR and New Delhi IND locations, today Jan 18:

7250.568 IND AIR Kingsway faulty odd fq transmission, 0830-1130 Urdu, 1130-1140 Hindi/English HS. S=9+35dB signal in Delhi at 1130-1137 UT. And much annoying horrible 568 Hertz whistle tone against CHINA Kashgar [East Tukristan] English transmission at 11-13 UT, latter co-channel on even 7250 kHz, measured on lower flank and tiny Bandwidth as S=9+20dB [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 9445, AIR at 2203 // 7550 with a woman with news with a report on a government conference to be held in New Delhi ñ Good Jan 23 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** INDIA. 11560, Jan 21 at 1435, Bollywood music at S8-S4, certainly better than 9690 AIR GOS is doing. This one is AIR Pashto at 1415-1530, 500 kW, 312 degrees from Delhi-Kingsway, somewhat favorable azimuth for us beyond (also 1315-1415 in Dari). (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 11560, AIR (via Bengaluru) at 1623 in Russian with Bollywood vocals with one song with ìAmericaî repeated and another with ìI love my Indiaî repeated then a man with talk mentioning ìIndian Cinemaî at 1629 and brief OC and a man with news at 1630 ñ Very Good Jan 21 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** INDIA. Special broadcasts by AIR for Republic Day 2018

India is celebrating its 69th Republic Day on 26 Jan 2018 (Friday). All India Radio will broadcast special programs in connection with the Republic Day celebrations as follows:

25 January 2018 (Thursday) : Eve of Republic Day

1330 UTC (1900 IST) onwards Honíble President's address to the nation in Hindi & English. This will be broadcast by all stations of AIR on MW, SW, FM. Shortly after this broadcast, the local stations will broadcast its translations in local languages.

SW frequencies:

kHz	kW	Station
4760	7	Leh
4760	4	Port Blair
4800	50	Hyderabad
4810	50	Bhopal
4835	10	Gangtok
4895	50	Kurseong (Off Air)
4910	50	Jaipur
4920	50	Chennai
4950	50	Srinagar
4970	50	Shillong
5010	50	Thiruvananthapuram
5040	50	Jeypore
5050	10	Aizawl (Off Air)
6030	250	Delhi
9380	250	Aligarh
9865	500	Bengaluru

MW Frequencies : http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/mw/freq.htm
FM Frequencies : http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/fm/airfreq.htm

26 January 2018 (Friday) : Republic Day

Live running commentary of Republic Day parade & cultural pageant from 0350 UTC (0920 IST) onwards:

Hindi: 7520 (Delhi 250 kW) (Cancelling External Service in Urdu normally broadcast at this time on this frequency). 13695 (Bengaluru 500 kW)

English: 6030 (Delhi 250 kW); 15185 (Bengaluru 500 kW)

Also MW/FM frequencies as per above mentioned links.

The following regional stations will change from their morning frequencies on 60 Meters (4 & 5 MHz frequencies) to their daytime frequencies between 0335-0350 UT (i.e. much earlier than usual) as follows:

6000 Leh
6085 Gangtok
7315 Shillong
7325 Jaipur

The following stations are already scheduled to be on air daily at this time and will also relay the running commentary.
6110 Srinagar
7270 Chennai
7290 Thiruvanthapuram
7380 Chennai
7390 Port Blair
7420 Hyderabad
7430 Bhopal
9865 Bengaluru

Please send your reception reports on line at:
http://pbinfo.air.org.in/feedback/
or by email to: spectrum-manager@prasarbha rati.gov.in

Live streaming of the above programs is available in:
http://allindiaradio.gov.in/Default.aspx

Those who would like to watch the programs on Doordarshan TV can check in:
DD National Channel:
http://www.ddindia.gov.in/Pages/Home.aspx
https://www.youtube.com/user/DoordarshanNational

DD News Channel:
http://webcast.gov.in/live/

Happy Republic Day to all Dx India members! 73, (Jose Jacob & Alokesh Gupta, Jan 19, dx_sasia yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

** INDONESIA [non-log]. 9525.95, VOI, on Jan 22, continues silent through 1402 today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 250 TV, RADIO STATIONS IN PERSIAN TARGET IRAN
Mehrnews English
http://en.mehrnews.com/news/131547/250-TV-radio-stations-in-Persian-target-Iran

TEHRAN, Jan. 23 (MNA) - Vice chairman of National Iranian Radio and Television (IRIB) says that more than 250 Persian TV and radio stations are targeting the Islamic government from outside the country.

Speaking on a visit to Golestan province to inaugurate a digital radio station there, Vice Chairman of IRIB Ali Darabi said that Iranian radio and TV organization (IRIB) aims to promote Islamic Revolution's values and confront with foreign media's threats and fabricated news.

Darabi said that in addition to the threats coming from the virtual world, the Islamic establishment in Iran is being targeted by more than 250 Farsi - language TV and radio stations. KI (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

250?? Hard to believe. Please provide an enumerated list, along with platforms. Sure aren`t more than a few on SW. Does each Radio Farda frequency count as a ``station``? (gh, DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. R. Ranginkaman/Rainbow via BaBcoCk Grigoriopol, Jan 19
1700-1730 on 7580 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Persian Mon/Fri, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/radio-ranginkamanrainbow-via-babcock_19.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18-19, dxldyg via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Radio Payem e-Doost via BaBcoCk Grigoriopol, Jan 21:
1800-1845 on 7480 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Farsi, fair/good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-payem-e-doost-via_21.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ISLE OF MAN. UK/Man - Radio Caroline has a special subpage dedicated to its mediumwave broacasts via Manx Radio (1368 kHz). According to
http://www.radiocaroline.co.uk/manx_info.html
ÑYou can hear Radio Caroline North during 2018 on the following dates either through our dedicated stream or on 1368 kHz MW.
20/21 January
17/18 February
30 March/2 April (Good Friday ñ Easter Monday)
12/13 May
23/24 June
21/22 July
18/19 August
22/23 September
20/21 October
24/25 November
15/16 December
Dates subject to changeì

Manx Radio also has a subpage on this partnership:
http://www.manxradio.com/on-air/radio-caroline/
When checked, the station mentioned a broadcast in December, but gives

times which might be still valid for the 2018 broadcasts: starting on Saturday at 0830 h local time, ending on Sunday at 2100 h local time (Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 17 January 2018, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. Next week I'll be in Israel at our station there. Last Friday (19th), Israel's English News network, i24 NEWS, ran an item about Voice of Hope - Middle East in connection with Vice President Mike Pence's visit there. The 3 minute video, which has some nice shots of our studios, can be seen here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZSii9o5uuA
(Ray Robinson, Zambia, Voice of Hope, 1435 UT Jan 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. Marconi Radio International on air today 20 January, 1400-1500 UT on 7720 khz USB

Please be advised that Marconi Radio International (MRI) will be on the air today Saturday, 20 January 2018 as follows: 1400-1600 UT. The frequency is 7720 kHz (USB mode). Reception reports to this E-mail address: marconiradiointernational (at) gmail.com

Last but not least, we need your help! If you are a DX blogger, or use social networks, please post an announcement on your own blog and/or Facebook or send out a tweet. You can also forward this message to a friend.
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Marconi Radio International (MRI) sar‡ di nuovo in onda oggi, sabato 20 gennaio 2017 come segue: dalle 1400 alle 1500 UT sulla frequenza di 7720 kHz (USB). Per i vostri rapporti di ricezione scrivete a: marconiradiointernational (at) gmail.com

Come al solito Vi preghiamo, qualora abbiate un vostro blog dedicato al radioascolto od un profilo su Facebook o altro social network, di pubblicare un annuncio sulle nostre trasmissioni. In alternativa potreste inoltrare il presente messaggio ad un amico (Marconi Radio International (MRI), 0912 UT Jan 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST; also posted ASAP on the DXLD yg by Manuel MÈndez)

These notices are always short, so you need to be a group member to get them in time. Since I had UTwente running for a WOR check until 1600, I then tuned to 7720, but nothing by then. So was it until 1500 or 1600, self-contradictory above, two to one (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ITALY, 7720 USB, Marconi Radio International, *1359-1424, 20-01, tuning music, multiple id. in English "This is the Italian Free Radio Station Marconi Radio International", Italian, "Marconi Radio International, marconiradiointernational@gmail.com", Spanish: "Esta es

la estaciÛn Marconi Radio International, ... la recepciÛn de nuestra estaciÛn ser· verificada con tarjeta QSL", radio news in Italian, mentioned "Radio Casanova", "Radio Pyongyang", "Radio Exterior de EspaÒa, 15500 kHz programa informativo 24 horas", 1423 ID "This is Marconi Radio International broadcasting from Italy...". 15321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Marconi Radio International, 7720 USB, improving signal, at 1425 English, "Welcome to the Italian short wave panorama", radio news in English. SINPO for moments 25322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Jan 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. ROMANIA, Reception of IRRS EGR/UN Radio via ROU RadioCom, Jan 21
1030-1300 on 9510 SAF 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu English Sun, weak/fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-irrs-egrun-radio-via-rou_21.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ITALY [non]. 5850, USA, IBC (via WRMI) at 0130 with a man with ìIBC Radio. Italian Broadcasting Commissionî ID and singing IDs and into ìItalian Shortwave Panoramaî at 0132 ñ Good Jan 21 [UT Sunday] (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD) See also USA: WRMI

** JAPAN. 6115, Jan 18 at 0705, R. Nikkei 2 music is S7 to S9+10, while 6055, R. Nikkei 1 is much weaker, only S5-S7; why? Both listed as 50 kW from Chiba-Nagara site, altho slightly different azimuths, not enough to account for disparity: 50 degrees on 6115, 64 on 6055 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. 9455, Jan 22 at 0428, I`m standing by for a WOR check on WRMI, as R. JapÛn NHK World is wrapping Spanish semihour with music, talkover complete Spanish SW schedule which is only: 0400 on 6195, 5985; 0930 on 6195. She doesn`t even know they are on an additional good frequency, 9455! 5985 is JBA here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KIRITIMATI. 846, Jan 19 at 0706, JBA carrier from R. Kiribati. Each time on the R-75 I start listening tuned to 845-USB, or if the IBOC from WCCO is too bad, 847-LSB. If I hear a 1 kHz tone, I know it`s from 846, and rock the 1-Hz tuning steps back and forth just to be sure. 846, Jan 23 at 0646, JBA carrier from R. Kiribati (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH/SOUTH. 6250, on Jan 20, at 1318, another day hearing

two stations mixing together with no N. Korea jamming; from the south with a somewhat weaker Echo of Hope - Voice of Hope (10 kW) and from the north with Echo of Unification (100 kW); "V O H" ID underneath EOU; *1323 jamming started, totally covering both stations (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KOREA NORTH & SOUTH. Echo of Unification vs Echo of Hope VOH Jan 20
from 2354 6250 PYO 100 kW / non-dir to NEAs Korean Echo of Unification
from 2354 6250 SEO 010 kW / 010 deg to NEAs Korean Echo of Hope VOHope
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/echo-of-unification-vsecho-of-hope-voh.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. On Jan 20, at 1318, noted no jamming at all on 3910, 3930, 3985, 5995, 6015, 6135, etc.; jamming started at *1323. Perhaps giving the south a brief respite from the jamming due to upcoming Olympics? Look for these daily breaks! Dave Valko on the East Coast also noted "unjammed 1006 and again at 1209," with 6520 and 6600 in the clear (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. First day back on former 5935, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze, via Yamata, ex: 6085. After several non-English Thursdays, noted Jan 18 (1300+) again with English; intro and "Today's Newsflash"; no N. Korea jamming yet; now totally blocking reception of Tibet (PBS Xizang), which was heard underneath Shiokaze (moderate QRM). Ex: 6085 still being jammed by N. Korea today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

JAPAN, Frequency changes of JSR Shiokaze Sea Breeze from Jan 19
1300-1400 NF 5935 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 6085 as follows
1300-1330 Chinese Mo; Japanese Tu/Sa; Korean We/Fr/Su; English Th
1330-1400 Korean Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat; Japanese Tue/Sun; English Thu

1600-1700 NF 6110 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg to NEAs, ex 7285 as follows
1600-1630 Chinese Mo; Japanese Tu/Sa; Korean We/Fr/Su; English Th
1630-1700 Korean Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat; Japanese Tue/Sun; English Thu
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/frequency-changes-of-jsr-shiokaze-sea.html

New frequency of Furusato no Kaze via Shiokaze from Jan 19
1405-1435 NF 6085 YAM 300 kW / 280 deg NEAs Japanese Daily, ex 5935
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/frequency-change-of-furusato-no-kaze.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18-19, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. ARMENIA, Denge Kurdistan via CJSC Yerevan, Jan 17
0330-1600 on 7520 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to WeAs Kurdish
1600-2200 on 7320 ERV 300 kW / 280 deg to WeAs Kurdish
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-denge-kurdistan-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 16-17, dxldyg via DXLD)

ARMENIA, Denge Kurdistan on new additional freqs 4810/1395 kHz, Jan 20
0330-1530 4810*ERV 050 kW / non-dir to WeAs Kurdish, addit. frequency
0330-1600 7520 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to WeAs Kurdish as scheduled B17
1600-2200 1395 ERV 500 kW / ??? deg to WeAs Kurdish, addit. frequency
1600-2200 7320 ERV 300 kW / 280 deg to WeAs Kurdish as scheduled B17
*1530-1845 4810 ERV 050 kW / non-dir to WeAs various Voice of Armenia
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/denge-kurdistan-on-new-additional.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO
1914, DXLD)

ARMENIA, Denge Kurdistan in 60&41mb morning Jan 22
from 0605 on 4810 ERV 050 kW / non-dir to WeAs Kurdish, fair/good
from 0605 on 7520 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to WeAs Kurdish, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-denge-kurdistan-in-60mb.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 21-22, dxldyg via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. Good signal of MOI Radio Kuwait in English & Persian Jan 18
0758-0800 on 7249.9 KBD 250 kW / non-dir to WeAs English, unscheduled
0800-1000 on 7249.9 KBD 250 kW / non-dir to WeAs Persian as scheduled
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/good-signal-of-moi-radio-kuwait-
in_18.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

Almost nine months after a report on the re-activated English short
wave service of Radio Kuwait (22 April 2017, 1800 h, 15540 kHz) I
received a letter with a schedule for B 17 and a sticker, but no QSL
card. At least this confirms that the e-mail-address used
kwtfreq@media.gov.kw was valid (Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 17 January 2018,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Kuwait QSL - non --- Received today for a reception report via
e-mail on May 11 2017 a full colour B-17 shortwave broadcast schedule
and decal. No QSL but at least they replied. Post mark from Kuwait was
12..12.17 via Air Mail. I used these e-mail addresses; the latter was
on the envelope.
kwtfreq@hotmail.com
Kwtfreq@media.gov.kw
73 (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Jan 24, dxldyg via DX
LISTENNG DIGEST)

** LIBYA. TA's were booming in here on Cape Cod last night. Recorded
within two minutes of 2200 UT / 5 p.m. EST on Sat., 20 JAN 2018.

1053.1: Libya, 100 Hz high this time. Station seems to go to on-frequency one day to 100 Hz high on others.
libya-1053p1_20180120_2200z.mp3
https://app.box.com/s/pagyms54j0asque7334sr22767hmztn4

Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, Cape Cod, MA, USA, (GC= 41.6931 N / 70.1912 W) (= 41 41.59' N / 70 11.47' W) (grid FN41vq)

Receiver: Microtelecom Perseus
See http://microtelecom.it/perseus/

Antenna: Cardioid-pattern SuperLoop: 9m vert. by 20m horiz. (peak 90 deg., null 270 deg.)
See http://www.bamlog.com/superloop.htm for similar antenna type.
nrc-am gg via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 7330, Jan 22 at 0341, S9+10/20 two quick features in Spanish from AARP (but initials pronounced in English), about juventud, 0343 choir hymn with aleluyas, 0346 ``ArqueologÌa BÌblica`` feature, from La Voz Alegre, the Spanish service of Madagascar World Voice. Aoki names this KNLS of World Christian Broadcasting --- but KNLS is the Al`aska station ONLY, which never has and never will, broadcast in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 17570, Jan 17 at 2006, African language at S9-S7, about same as only other signal on band, 17640 MWV/APR English. HFCC language column says it`s mos from AWR, MDC, 250 kW, 290 degrees daily at 2000-2030. Aoki is more explicit, from the other Mad site, Talata-Volononondry 1 (oops, I got carried away), in Mossi(Moore). Over to EiBi for info about this tongue: MOO Moore/MÚorÈ: Burkina Faso (5m) [mos]. The Adventists are really going after the ethnic minorities (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6185.010, Radio EducaciÛn, XEPPM Mexico City D.C., radioplay in Spanish by two female presenters in progress. S=9+20dB signal strength at 0454 UT on Jan 19 [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] Log of Jan 19, 0430-0500 UT, remote access to central Florida, USA and Edmonton Alberta-CAN units (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. BURYING THE HAIRY HAND --- A MACABRE MEXICAN RADIO SHOW GOES OFF THE AIR --- But the taste for all things supernatural remains
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https://www.economist.com/news/americas/21735081-taste-all-things-supernatural-remains-macabre-mexican-radio-show-goes-air

AS MIDNIGHT neared, five nights a week Mexicans with a taste for the macabre would switch on their radios to hear the latest spooky story, called in by their fellow listeners. There was the tale of the bloodied boots, which kept reappearing in a familyís basement, driving the wife to seek psychiatric treatment. Once, the station that carried the show, XEDF-FM, mysteriously went off the air during a devil-worshipperís phone-in. Most famous of all was the story told by JosuÈ Vel·zquez, who said he had suffocated his grandmother to keep his end of a bargain with the devil (doctors said she had died of natural causes). Juan RamÛn S·enz, the best-known host of ìLa Mano Peludaî (ìThe Hairy Handî), listened with apparent credulity to about half the yarns broadcast over its 22-year history; some were chillingly believable.

The show had a cult following, especially among late-shift workers and nocturnal taxi drivers. But Grupo Formula, XEDFís owner, decided to bury it; the last episode aired on January 12th. After decades of success, the show ìno longer had the same impactî, says a person familiar with the thinking that led to the decision.

People liked the stories, some of which could not possibly be real, because they came from the mouths of ordinary folk who undeniably were, reckons Ricardo FarÌas, a film director. Listeners believed the tales, or pretended to. When S·enz died suddenly in 2011, days after a reunion with Mr Vel·zquez for ìExtranormalî, a television programme involving visits to haunted houses, many pelumaniacos were convinced that he had been cursed.

The showís popularity testifies to Mexicoís love of all things supernatural. ìMexican culture is very mystical,î says Ricardo V·zquez, a director of programming at TV Azteca, which broadcasts ìExtranormalî. That programme began airing in 2007 after Laura Rivas, a medium with a five-minute horoscope segment on a morning show in Guadalajara, one day started interpreting the dreams of those who called in. ìWe realised when she started talking about ghosts, or dreams, or something paranormal, the ratings went up,î says Mr V·zquez. ìExtranormalî has nearly 4m viewers.

Some people think the demise of ìThe Hairy Handî shows that Mexicans are becoming less interested in eerie entertainment. Macabre movies have also entered a dead zone. More than 5m people thronged cinemas to see the four Mexican-made horror films released in 2007, according to the Mexican Institute of Cinematography. In 2017 the three scary flicks released attracted just 250,000 people.

But other signs suggest that Mexicansí fondness for morbidity is alive and well. The Day of the Dead, a holiday on which they wear ghoulish costumes and visit the graves of loved ones, remains as popular as

ever. Last year MÛrbido Fest, a horror-film festival, held its tenth and biggest edition, so the genre may not be dead after all.

Some famous Mexican film directors, including the winners of two of the past five Golden Globe awards for directing, began by working on ìLa Hora Marcadaî, a horror show on television. After getting his Golden Globe on January 7th for ìThe Shape of Waterî, Guillermo del Toro was asked why he has such an affinity for themes of fantasy and terror despite his cheerful demeanour. He immediately replied: ìIím Mexican.î (via Gerald T Pollard, NC, DXLD)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT this week --- [barely including DTV]

Testing has begun for 89.7 XHPBUG-FM San AndrÈs Cohamiata, Jalisco.
http://udgtv.com/noticias/arrancan-pruebas-radio-wixarika-udeg-san-andres-cohamiata/

This 130-watt station (broadcasting from a tower site with 467 m HAAT) will bring indigenous programming in Wix·rika to communities in a remote region of the state. It is being administered by the Universidad de Guadalajara though it is not part of the UDG radio network. They're finding that the service area is larger than they had expected.

Authorization for job positions and training are all that need to be completed before the station can begin regular operations (Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, Jan 21, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

And speaking of the Universidad de Guadalajara, program service begins on the 31st for XHPBGZ-TDT (RF 11) Ciudad Guzm·n-Zapotl·n el Grande, Jalisco.
https://twitter.com/RadioUdeG/status/956285109111607297

The new station will serve an estimated 180,000 people from a transmitter site to the south of the city on Cerro de la Escalera shared with C7 transmitter XHGZG-TDT. It is one of two new TV transmitters expected to be put into service this year to extend the reach of its Canal 44 university station. The other is XHPBLM-TDT, on RF channel 9, in Lagos de Moreno.

Both stations will use virtual channel 44.

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New stations were also a subject of discussion this week thanks to a story out of Reforma on the new IFT-4 stations.
http://www.especialistas.com.mx/saiweb/viewer.aspx?file=4ejBjxeato5yStCGOR9vKplhjP53rGYYAVPFBCEW6lKw@@bhPingJZwmp4BefZ0NB@@toKEiJRWs@

@EWrteq1DkYw==&opcion=0&encrip=1

Around 50 of the 141 stations have approved technical parameters, with some 20 that were submitted but needed modifications to be granted. Most of the station plans should have been cleared by February. He expects approved stations to start coming on soon, saying one is already on air (I believe it's more like three or four, at least).

One of those stations, part of Grupo Vox in Michoac·n (La Voz del Viento), is Class A XHPQGA-FM 88.9, https://www.facebook.com/arturo.herreracornejo/posts/1942253952756870 for which installation work began on Monday. (Yes, that's a G, not an R.) https://www.facebook.com/arturo.herreracornejo/posts/1943284539320478?pnref=story (Raymie, Jan 24, ibid.)

I hope people in Aguascalientes like ranchera music, because that's what they'll be getting from the state's only IFT-4 station.

XHPLVI-FM 99.7 Calvillo, awarded to Grupo Ultra, will apparently take the Radio Ranchito format, https://twitter.com/joseramonmarmtz/status/956922942046208000 also used on Ultra's XHRPA-FM in Morelia. A job opening is among the pieces of evidence for the chosen format. https://www.computrabajo.com.mx/ofertas-de-trabajo/oferta-de-trabajo-de-coordinador-administrativo-radio-ranchito-997-fm-en-calvillo-D3A4E6F88F2D927C
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There's more room at the inn in Mexico City, the IFT says, at least for commercial digital television.

That's one of the highlights in this interview with Alejandro Navarrete, which also notes that IFT-8 will likely feature 127 FM and 52 AM frequencies. https://www.eleconomista.com.mx/empresas/La-CDMX-tiene-espacio-para-mas-canales-de-TV-digital-IFT-20180126-0039.html

Este programa es p˙blico, ajeno a cualquier partido polÌtico. Queda prohibido el uso para fines distintos a los establecidos en el programa [tagline] (Raymie Humbert, Jan 26, ibid.)

** MONGOLIA. Fair signal of Voice of Mongolia on Jan 22: 0900-0930 on 12084.9 U-B 250 kW / 178 deg to SEAs English http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/fair-signal-of-voice-of-mongolia-on.html (Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 21-22, dxldyg via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 5915, Myanmar Radio. Since Jan 15, has been wonderful to hear this station without the normally dominating strong CRI. Jan 18,

(1238 & 1307) still clear of CRI, but as usual QRM from 5920, with the N. Korea jamming of the Voice of Freedom from S. Korea, so best in LSB. So what happened to CRI? [WORLD OF RADIO 1914]

7200.0, Myanmar Radio, 1230, Jan 17. Start of the lectures via Distance Learning Service; in vernacular and a lot of English: lecture on nuclear technology (applications in agriculture, industry, research, molecular biology, etc.), English with heavy accent; lecture on "gravitational force," with many equations; 1349* after theme music; fair-good.

Jan 18, exceptionally strong signal; 1230+; lecture about isotopes, molecules, electrons, etc., with many different equations ("Find the different wavelengths of an electron moving with a speed of . . . ," etc.); noticeable hum. My audio at
http://goo.gl/onNH5a
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Ron, on different time slot I had contact to remote SDR units in Seoul KOR and New Delhi IND locations, today Jan 18:

7199.995, MMR, Myanmar, Radio Yangoon monitored at SDR unit in New Delhi, S=9+15dB at 1125 UT on Jan 18. But transmitter was switched OFF AIR from 1126:34 UT onwards, and came not back on air either. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

7200.0, Myanmar Radio, 1230, Jan 20. Start of the lectures via Distance Learning Service; trigonometry lesson with many equations. Five minute audio at
http://goo.gl/oXgRaj
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5915, Myanmar Radio, 1315+, Jan 22. Still being well heard here without CRI (China), but still QRM from the N. Korea jamming on 5920, of Voice of Freedom.

7200.0, Myanmar Radio, 1230, Jan 22. Start of series of lessons; biology lecture ("membrane," "molecules moving . . .," etc.); fair, but some ham QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good signal of Myanmar Radio on Jan 18
0030-0130 on 7200vNAY 050 kW / 356 deg to SEAs Burmese
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/good-signal-of-myanmar-radio-on-7200.html

(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

QSL: 6165, Thazin Radio, Phan Lo. I was accepting [sic] a long delay but got back this reply, within 3 days, after sending a follow-up for a 2015 report. Report sent and Reply via thazinradio6@gmail.com Special thanks to Ralph Perry pointing this station out (Mayor Edward Kusalik - Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 6150, UT Sun Jan 21 at 0148, The Mighty KBC via GERMANY, Kraig Krist`s Forgotten Song is something from 1968 by the 1910 Fruit Company. Loud and clear (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Frequency change of Radio New Zealand Pacific in DRM from Jan 12:
1651-1750 5975 RAN 035 kW / 35 deg Tonga/Samoa English Sun-Fri ex 7285
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/frequncy-change-of-radio-new-zealand.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

9765.005, R Nzi, Rangitaiki in English heard easy signal strength power of S=9+25dB at 0936-0940 UT in Seoul KOR. Talk on Pavlov reflexes theme, in history featured some very expensive military computers in the 1950ties [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, remote SDR units in Seoul KOR and New Delhi IND locations, today Jan 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NICARAGUA. 8989-USB, El Buen Pescador, 2244-2248. Male preacher talking in Spanish. He usually talks with fishermen, but on this day he was giving a sermon. Initially a weak signal, slowly rising to moderate level, then slowly back down. 1/14/2018 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R8600, IC-R75, Perseus, Various Portables, Random Wire, Wellbrook Loops, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 21 via DXLD)

** NIGERIA [non]. Radio Herwa International via TDF and WRMI, Jan 21
1930-2000 on 9580 ISS 100 kW / 170 deg to WeAf Hausa/Kanuri, fair
1930-2000 on 11530 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg to WeAf Hausa/Kanuri, weak
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-herwa-international_22.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 21-22, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NIGERIA [non]. English on IPOB Radio Nigeria Hausa Service [16-17 UT on 15110 via BULGARIA] --- The first approximately 10 minutes of the broadcast yesterday (Sunday, 21 January) had a discussion/interview (with an echo like a poor Internet Skype connection) in English! No signature tune starting the broadcast on this day; in fact, the broadcast started in mid-sentence. During this English segment, the speaker mentioned the incorrect 7 to 8 p.m. time of the broadcast. And at the end of the segment, the speaker said "I

will now hand you over to our radio station." It was then that the signature tune began followed by the usual Hausa programming.

Concerning the signature tune / interval signal, one of the Hausa speakers who listened to my recording from last week thinks that it might be a song by Dan Maraya Jos, a famous Nigerian Hausa griot (musician/story-teller) best known for playing the kontigi, a one- or two-string plucked instrument (rather than a thumb piano). He died a couple of years ago (-- Richard Langley, NB, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[re 18-03:] ``I don`t see why they [R. Nigeria] should care to cover southern Africa, where Hausa is a foreign language (gh, DXLD)``

Hi Glenn, I can see why you think that, but the fact remains that whoever is responsible for the broadcast promised it would be audible in Southern Africa, and it isn't. On top of which, whilst Hausa is not an officially recognised language here, there is a considerable population of Nigerians in South Africa. Whether enough to merit a broadcast is another matter entirely (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

NIGERIANS IN S AFRICA 'LIVING IN FEAR' AFTER ATTACKS --- 21 Feb 2017

A Nigerian migrant comes under attack outside a church in Pretoria on Saturday [James Oatway/Reuters] [caption]

Members of Nigeria's community in South Africa have raised concerns over renewed anti-immigrant violence, appealing to authorities to intervene before the situation gets out of control.

Nigeria's presidency on Monday called the South African government to step in to stop what it said were "xenophobic attacks" following recent reports of violence against Nigerians and other nationals in the capital, Pretoria. . .
http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/02/nigerians-africa-living-fear-attacks-170221155456218.html
(via Bingham, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6940-USB, Jan 21 at 0134, rap music S9+15, 0138 robotic ID as Clever Name Radio over music; again at 0140 and off. Several scattered logs:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,39943.0.html
and it was back on a couple hours later in another thread. At first it was adjacent to 2-way Brazuguese on 6935-LSB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6950.44-AM, Jan 21 at 2324, pirate music, seems to

go off at 2326. Captain Morgan Shortwave, per this thread:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,39972.0.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6935-USB, Jan 21 at 2326, rock singer. This thread says it`s Moonlight Radio:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,39974.0.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6935-USB, Jan 22 at 0357, heavy beat music, S4-S6. At 0414, now stronger S9 with rock, ``You`re the Only One``, 0415 interrupted, and bits of some more music with cuts, apparently off for good at 0419*. Clever Name Radio was on frequency:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,39980.0.html
but no reports later than 0232, and would not expect them to cut around like this (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6940-USB, January 23 at 2345, heavy beat rock music from some pirate, good at S9; 2351 synthyl DJ says it was Iron Maiden, then heavily produced jingle for ``Cool on the Airwaves``; next song something about Ukrainian unrest. 2355 refers to website ?fateunrest.com --- not sure of first word; a human voice might have been more readable. 0000 Jan 24, full ID with address coolamradio@hotmail.com says it is a music special, next something by the group Propaganda. Still going at 0031 recheck. Cool AM is an established Euro-pirate but this is obviously a North American relay. These say it`s via Clever Name Radio:
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,40008.0.html

For SSB it sounds really good, and here`s how digitalmod evaluates it: ``Great audio compressed into 3 kHz. Really sounds great on my POLKS :P By the look of the sideband dance, the music is expertly equalized at and below 1500 Hz``

Then Cool AM itself replies: ``TnX CNR for the Relay! Program was made in 2016 - it was also airplayed on the German station Radio Channel292 (with 292 jingles) Presentation by DeeJay Samantha Jones!
AndrÈ, CoolAM Radio - ShortWave
http://coolam-productions.tk
Transmitters Do It On Air!!!
::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. LISTENING IS DOWN 18 % IN NORWAY --- NORWEGIANS ARE LEAVING RADIO AFTER DIGITAL SWITCHOVER
Mer om English
http://www.radionytt.no/english.php

RADIONYTT.NO - 21.01.18 - Kyrre Dahl
The first week of the year was a disaster for Norwegian radio channels. The official radio statistics from Kantar TNS PPM shows a drop of 18% during 2017.

Total radio listening in week 1, 2018 was only 55.1% compared to 67.4% in week 1, 2017. That is a drop of 18% in one year in total listening on national channels (PPM).

NRK, the public broadcaster, has lost the biggest share of listeners. A year ago 49.0% of Norwegians were listening to NRK, in week 1, 2018 that number has dropped to 37.3%. In percentage that is a loss of 24%.

The youth channel, NRK P3, have lost an astonishing 56% in a year, and is now a small radio channel of just 4.6%. However, Bauer Medias Radio Norge has lost even more listeners, 6 out of 10 listeners a year ago have gone somewhere else, and Radio Norge is exactly as small as NRK P3.

During 2017 the national channels have switched off all their FM frequencies and are now available on DAB or DAB+, digital TV or via the internet. Local radio in Norway remains on FM, at least until 2022, and many local stations reports double or triple listening figures.

The national networks NRK, P4 and Radio Norge now offers 30 channels on DAB+ compared to 5 on FM and some of the smaller channel has seen a steady rise in listeners. Most importantly the station for seniors (55+) NRK P1+.

According to the heads of the national networks they expected a fall in listening numbers and are confident that they will recover this year, when more people are buying digital radios.

In Norwegian: ≈ret begynner med 18% nedgang for radio
http://www.radionytt.no/r18018.php
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. Re KOKC`s renewed STAs: The text is v-e-r-y interesting. I believe this is the earliest of their continuing series of STAs to have this language. The underlying application for STA contains the request for this.

http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/getimportletter_exh.cgi?import_letter_id=65884

[Viz., from pdf:]

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 TWELFTH STREET SW
WASHINGTON DC 20554
MEDIA BUREAU
ENGINEER: Joseph Szczesny
AUDIO DIVISION
TELEPHONE: (202) 418-2700
APPLICATION STATUS: (202) 418-2730
FACSIMILE: (202) 418-1410
HOME PAGE: http://www.fcc.gov/media/radio/audio-division
E-MAIL: Joseph.Szczesny©fcc.gov
June 29, 2016

Ty Tyler, Manager
Tyler Media LLC
5101 S. Shields Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73129

Re:
Tyler Media LLC (TML)
KOKC (AM), Oklahoma City, OK
Facility Identification Number: 73981
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20 1 60607AAC

Dear Mr. Tyler:
This is in reference to the request filed on June 7, 2016. TML requests an extension of the STA originally granted on January 17, 2012, and modified to operate with an emergency ND antenna due to destruction of the antenna system in March of 2015. [footnote 1]

In support of the request, TML states that it plans to submit an FCC Form 301 application to propose a new permanent facility after further action has been taken on MB Docket 13-249, since the proposed rules may allow for the creation of an improved facility. [footnote 2]

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:
ï Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
ï Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
ï No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

[footnote 1:] 'KOKC is licensed for 50 kW operation on 1520 kHz with a daytime NI) antenna, and a nighttime DA antenna.

[footnote 2:] See Revitalization of the AMRadio Service, First Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 15-142 (rel. Oct. 23, 2015).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station KOKC(AM) may continue to operate with the following facilities:
Geographic coordinates
35 20' 01" N, 97 30' 18" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency 1520 kHz
Hours of operation Unlimited
Operating power 10 kW (Unlimited)
Antenna type Existing tower (constructed in 2015 for this STA)
Overall tower ht. 59 m
Radiator Ht. 57.9 m
Antenna efficiency 316 mV/m !kmIKW [??]

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TML must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR 1.13 10. TML must file the required FCC Form 301 application to propose a new facility after final action on MB Docket 13-249 has been taken (or rebuild the facility exactly as shown on the last license, and then file an FCC Form 302 application to update all operating parameters).

This authority expires on December 29, 2016.
Sincerely, [signed]
Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau
cc: John C. Trent, Esq., PHT PC (via e-mail only) (via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA [non]. 5850, UT Mon Jan 22 at 0659, WRMI S9+30 carrier on, // 7730 also VG; 0700 `Broad Spectrum Radio` for January, 2018. James Branum says he has thrown out original plans, instead to deal with acting president Drumpf and his s-holes; for starters, quotes at length FCC rules on profanity and obscenity. Never obscenity, but mere profanity is OK between 10 pm and 6 am local time (but how does that apply to SW stations covering multiple timezones? Didn`t think of that, did they? But BSR profanity should be OK at this hour unless you`re in the UT -10 zone or beyond!) Still quoting at 0707, when I can`t stay awake much longer, so will have to get it later via
http://broadspectrumradio.com
but site still hasn`t been updated since December as of Jan 23 at 0209. Probably WRMI will replay this episode for a few more weeks Mondays at 0700. Is/was this also on any other SW station, like WINB

or WBCQ? Who knows? (Glenn Hauser, Enid, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. PAKISTAN ORDERS CLOSURE OF RFE/RL'S BUREAU IN ISLAMABAD
1 hour ago
https://pressroom.rferl.org/a/pakistan-radio-mashaal/28985210.html

FILE: Pakistanís chief of army staff, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, said Pakistan feels ìbetrayedî by U.S. criticism that it is not doing enough to fight terrorism.

Pakistanís Interior Ministry has ordered the closure of the offices of RFE/RL's Radio Mashaal in Islamabad after Pakistanís Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) agency accused the broadcaster of airing programs ìagainst the interest of Pakistanî and ìin line with [a] hostile intelligence agencyís agenda.î

The director of Radio Mashaal, Mohammad Amin Mudaqiq, said Interior Ministry officers arrived at the broadcasterís Islamabad bureau on January 19 and were meeting with the bureau chief and administrator to discuss the closure order.

The ministryís order accused Radio Mashaal of ìportraying Pakistan [as] a hub of terrorism and [a] safe haven for different militant groups.î

It said Radio Mashaal programming presented Pakistan as a ìfailed state in terms of providing security to its people,î in particular minorities and ethnic Pashtuns.

It said Radio Mashaal showed ethnic Pashtuns in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Balochistan Province, and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) along the border with Afghanistan as ìdisenchanted with the state.î

It also accused the broadcaster of ìdistorting facts [to] incite the target population against the state and its institutions.î

RFE/RL President Thomas Kent said he was ìextraordinarily concerned by the closureî and was ìurgently seeking more information about the Pakistani authoritiesí intentions.î

Kent said Radio Mashaal is a ìprivate news organization supported by the U.S. Congress with no connection to the intelligence agencies of any country.î

ìRadio Mashaal is an essential source of reliable, balanced information for our Pakistani audience,î Kent said. ìWe hope this

situation will be resolved without delay.î

The closure order was issued after Pakistanís chief of army staff, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, said on January 12 that Pakistan feels ìbetrayedî by U.S. criticism that it is not doing enough to fight terrorism and by Washingtonís decision to suspend military aid for Islamabad.

U.S. President Donald Trump on January 1 accused Pakistan of "lies and deceit" and said the United States would suspend up to $1.9 billion a year in military aid until Islamabad moves decisively against Afghan Taliban fighters and Haqqani network militants who he said have found safe haven within Pakistan's borders (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener 19 January 2018, DXLD)

comment: Explicitly not unrelated to the recent Trump rhetoric against Pakistan. A retaliatory measure (Dr Hansjoerg Biener, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Of course it doesn`t transmit from inside Pakistan, so may continue on air, but less conveniently programmed. Not a C&OT Broadcast, but just another US International Radio, pp 500-501 in WRTH 2018 with this B-17 schedule in Pashto, perhaps still in effect:

04-05 13580-Thailand
04-13 621-Khost Tani, Afghanistan; 12130-Kuwait, 15760-Thailand
05-11 13580-Kuwait
11-13 17880-Biblis, Germany
(Glenn Hauser, ibid.) more versions:

PAKISTAN CLOSES U.S.-FUNDED RADIO STATION, CITING 'HOSTILE' AGENDA
Shashank Bengali and Aoun Sahi
http://www.latimes.com/world/asia/la-fg-pakistan-us-radio-20180119-story.html

Pakistani authorities on Friday closed the offices of a U.S. government-funded radio station whose broadcasts it said were "against the interests of Pakistan," dealing another blow to relations with the United States.

The Pakistani Interior Ministry said that Radio Mashaal portrayed the country as "a hub of terrorism" and "a failed state" that could not provide security for its people, particularly religious minorities and long-term refugees from Afghanistan.

The ministry said it shut the organization's Islamabad office on the recommendations of Inter-Services Intelligence, the powerful spy agency of the Pakistani military, which has been the target of intense criticism from President Trump.

The Trump administration this month announced that the U.S. would withhold hundreds of millions of dollars in security assistance due to Pakistan's inability to crack down on militant groups that range across the border to attack U.S.-led coalition troops in Afghanistan.

Trump has also called out Pakistan repeatedly on Twitter, accusing the U.S. ally, which has accepted $33 billion in U.S. funding to fight terrorism since 2002, of "lies and deceit."

Pakistani officials said the decision to close Radio Mashaal was not a response to Trump but the result of long-standing concerns about its content. A letter from the Interior Ministry said the station's broadcasts were "in line with [a] hostile intelligence agency's agenda" -- a likely reference to Afghanistan, whose leaders accuse Pakistan of sponsoring the Taliban and other militant groups battling the Kabul government.

Radio Mashaal, which broadcasts on the radio and online in the Pashto language, airs political and social coverage and is particularly popular in the marginalized northwestern tribal areas along the Afghan border. The region is home to a large population of mainly ethnic Pashtun refugees who have fled decades of conflict in Afghanistan but face severe restrictions from the Pakistani government.

The station is part of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, a nonprofit broadcasting organization funded by Congress and based in Prague, Czech Republic. Started during the Cold War as an alternative to pro-Soviet propaganda, the organization airs programs in 23 countries that it says face media restrictions, including Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.

In a story on its website, Radio Free Europe's president, Thomas Kent, said he was "extraordinarily concerned by the closure" and "urgently seeking more information about the Pakistani authorities' intentions."

Kent described Radio Mashaal as a "private news organization supported by the U.S. Congress with no connection to the intelligence agencies of any country," and said he hoped "the situation will be resolved without delay."

"We have seen these reports and have expressed our concerns to the government of Pakistan," said a U.S. State Department spokesman. "We are closely monitoring the situation."

He added: "The United States supports media freedom around the world. An active and independent press is a cornerstone of democratic governance."

Islamist parties in Pakistan have frequently accused the station ñ and other U.S.-funded news organizations including Voice of America -- of anti-Pakistan bias. In November, demonstrators held protests opposing Radio Mashaal's coverage of proposed administrative reforms that would grant greater rights to people in the tribal belt.

Radio Mashaal claims 1.2 million Facebook fans and operates with a staff of 24 in Prague and three in Pakistan. It was not immediately clear what impact the closure would have on Radio Mashaal's ability to broadcast in Pakistan.

Martins Zvaners, a spokesman for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, said the organization's offices in Islamabad were closed and sealed. But, he added, because Pakistani authorities do not allow Radio Mashaal use of transmission facilities inside the country, its broadcasts via an AM transmitter in Afghanistan, as well as shortwave and satellite signals and the internet, will not be interrupted.

The move comes weeks after Pakistan ordered more than 20 international charity organizations to close their operations in the country, without offering an explanation for the decision. Activists have decried the move as an assault on free speech and humanitarian work.

Pakistan has also tried to expel more than 1.5 million Afghan refugees, viewing them as an economic drain and security threat. The government recently said it would not extend permission for Afghans to remain in the country beyond Jan. 31, although such deadlines have slipped in the past.

Special correspondent Sahi reported from Islamabad and Times staff writer Bengali from Mumbai, India. Special correspondent Zulfiqar Ali contributed to this report from Peshawar, Pakistan.

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MEDIA WATCHDOGS IN PAKISTAN CONCERNED OVER BANNING OF US-FUNDED RADIO
AAMIR SHAH | Published -- Sunday 21 January 2018
http://www.arabnews.com/node/1230026/world

ISLAMABAD: Media Watchdogs in Pakistan express concern over the closure of US Congress-funded RFE/RL's Radio Mashaal bureau office in Islamabad on the basis of a report by the main spy agency of Pakistan, ISI.

"This is an overreaction and will hurt Pakistan's image abroad," Iqbal Khattak, Reporters Sans Frontieres' representative in Pakistan, told

Arab News.

He said the government should have presented cogent evidence against Radio Mashaal's management and the staff if they were really involved in any anti-Pakistan activities.

"The action against the radio seems to be taken on mere analysis of intelligence agency's reports," he said, "this knee-jerk reaction is totally unacceptable to the journalist community."

Pakistani authorities on Friday sealed the office of Pashto-language Radio Mashaal in Islamabad after the country's premier spy agency ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) said that its programs "are found against the interests of Pakistan and are in line with a hostile intelligence agency's agenda."

State Minister for Interior Tallal Chaudhry told Arab News: "We do not have anything to add more than what is in the notification issued on Friday."

Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA), however, says the operation of the radio does not fall under its jurisdiction as it was being operated from Czech Republic using shortwave radio frequencies, but they are finding ways to regulate it.

"We have taken up the issue with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to devise a strategy to regulate all shortwave radio stations being operated from outside Pakistan," said Maham Ali Khan, a spokesperson for PEMRA. "At the moment, we are providing technical assistance to the Interior Ministry to shut down transmission of Radio Mashaal," she said. [like how, jamming??? gh]

Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) has also rejected the government's decision to ban the transmission of Radio Mashaal through "verbal allegations."

PFUJ President Afzal Butt told Arab News: "It is unfortunate the government has sealed the office of the radio without providing any evidence for its allegations."

He said: "Cracking down on journalists and media houses will damage Pakistan's image in the international community. Butt urged the Interior Ministry to take the matter to the court instead of abruptly shutting down the radio's operations.

On the other hand, RFE/RL President Thomas Kent also refuted the Interior Ministry's allegations, saying "Radio Mashaal serves no intelligence agency or government. Our reporters are Pakistani

citizens who are dedicated to their country and live and raise families in the villages in which they report." He said: "We demand that their safety be ensured, and that they be permitted to resume their work without fear or delay."

Radio Mashaal, which broadcasts from Prague and has both radio and digital operations, is a "private news organization supported by the US Congress with no connection to the intelligence agencies of any country," he said.

The Committee to Protect Journalists has also urged Pakistani authorities to "immediately reverse the order issued to close the Islamabad bureau of Radio Mashaal." "Radio Mashaal is an important source of information in Pakistan and should be allowed to continue operating in the country without further harassment from the government," Steven Butler, CPJ's Asia Program Coordinator, said from Washington. The move comes at a time when relations between Pakistan and the US have frayed following President Donald Trump's New Year tweet wherein he slammed Pakistan for "lies and deceit." Officials from both sides are now negotiating secretly as well as publicly to restore the relations.

Ayaz Wazir, Pakistan's former ambassador, says that closure of Radio Mashaal will not affect US-Pakistani relations as Islamabad has taken action against it "to protect its national interest."

"The relations among the countries are always based on mutual respect and we hope American authorities too will not back the Radio Mashaal's management if they are involved in anti-Pakistan activities," he said.

Wazir, however, acknowledged that freedom of speech and freedom of press are sensitive issues and Pakistan should share the evidence against Radio Mashaal with the international community to back its decision of the closure.

Dr. Mohammed Faisal, a spokesman for Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told Arab News: "I am not aware about closure of the radio but Pak-US relationship is not affected by any single development."

The US launched Radio Mashaal in January 2010 from the Czech Republic for the Pashto-speaking people in Pakistan and Afghanistan's border regions terming it "an attempt to help undermine militants there."

The US has another Pashto-language station, Radio "Deewa," which also focuses on Pashtun areas in Pakistan (via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

** PALAU. 9960, Jan 22 at 1436, delighted to hear some classical

music, `La Gazza Ladra` overture by Rossini, S9+20 fading to S9, and QRMing much weaker 9955 WRMI --- not my problem anymore since WOR at 1415 Wednesdays has been canceled. This is Furusato no Kaze, 1430-1500 the only time anything is on 9960, via T8WH. Maybe played whole 10-minute piece, to conclusion at 1442 and Japanese back-announcement mentioning Rossini, but not sure how you say La Gazza Ladra in JJ. Soon some more unfamiliar classical music, 1448 interview in Japanese. What has this to do with North Korean abduxions of Japanese? but more, more! O, I get it, the Juches are like thieving magpies, stealing humans. No US SW station would dare to play classical music beyond incidentally, and of course LeSEA gets no credit for this, done by one of its clients (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, NBC Madang, 1151-1226*, Jan 20. In Pidgin; seemed to be interviews about the disputed 2017 Madang regional election results http://goo.gl/YGEyKG -- first time I have heard this PSA - testing of their emergency announcement system with series of tones followed in Pidgin and tones again followed in English, that if there had been an emergency, listeners should tune to NBC for announcements; suddenly cut off.

NBC Madang (3260) went off at 1206*, Jan 22, at the end of the NBC news in English (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. OAU-7L Radio Andina, Juliaca, 1370. Surprise on my Perseus recording of 12 JAN 2018 at 0658Z: OAU-7L Radio Andina, Juliaca (PRU), 10 kHz up! on 1370.026 kHz. 73! (Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, ESPA—A - SPAIN, RX site: Aldea del Cano, C·ceres. LAT: 39∫17'09.70 N LONG: 6∫19'00 W, RX: PERSEUS, ANT: WELLBROOK ALA1530S+ http://moladx.blogspot.com/ Jan 18, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

His previous report: ``Received in Spain on July 19th, 2017, at 0455Z on 1360.029 kHz. 73!``

Heard Jan 11 at 0803 in northern Sweden, by Arne Nilsson. Frequency 1370.0244. The station has occasional live transmissions on Facebook, so I asked them if they have moved to 1370. The answer came straight away on the air, Yes, we have. A local listener notes that they are on 1360 during the day, moving to 1370 at night, probably in order to avoid QRM from Radio Sicuani and others (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, Jan 19, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

** PERU. _4747.61_, 2250-2300 fade out 16.1, R Huanta 2000, Huanta. Spanish talk - back from 4764.1. Thank to Dave Valko. 15221 (Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres

of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 4774.91, R. Tarma. Starting their nice full canned ID with calls and frequencies over dramatic music bed at 1101 tune-in. Then intro for upcoming daily program ìAntena Informativaî. Still readable at 1127 recheck but fading quickly. Mentions of informativa, Peru, Cusco, and Lima. No longer readable at 1135. Fair signal at first but awful CODAR QRM. 17 Jan. Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** PERU. 4950, Radio Madre de Dios presumed the one at 1058 in Quechua with a man and woman with apparent prayers ñ Barely audible Jan 23 ñ In the Catholic Church ìMadre de Diosî (Mother of God) is a title ascribed to Mary and comprises the first feast of the year celebrated on New Yearís Day and for Catholics is a holy day of obligation (compulsory attendance at Mass). (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

?? should be on 4955, for Dios` sake; fortunately, as evenings Angola 4949.7v has no het from it (gh, DXLD)

** PERU. 6173.8v, R. Tawantinsuyo. Seemed a little stronger than usual at 1038 tune-in on 6173.82 and wasnít doing the news which is usually the case at this hour. Instead was playing some OA campesina music. Drifting up rapidly, so must have come on just before I tuned in. 1042 long canned Spanish announcement by M with echo, then back to music. Still going with music to at least 1101. Found it was // to their webstream. Slightly audible by 1125 and had drifted up to 6173.93. Still barely visible in the display on 6173.94 at 1206, so transmitter settling down by then. Had to notch out 6175 China. 17 Jan. Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 9795, Jan 19 at 2258, ``Jesus Saves`` IS on keyboard several times, S7-S9, 2300 into Lao? Not exactly. Aoki shows 2300-2330 daily from FEBC is in Mon. Not bad for due west from Iba. EiBi`s language roster shows Mon is spoken in Burma, no further info. So not the same as Hmong? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PUERTO RICO. QSL: 5125, Arecibo High Power HF Tests. Rec'd very attractive QSL Card direct from the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. This for a postal report to W3HNK QSL Manager, with reply from the site, in 13 weeks. V/S: KP4AD (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PUERTO RICO. INAUGURAN PRIMERA ANTENA EN PUERTO RICO Y EL CARIBE

ALIMENTADA POR ENERGÕA SOLAR --- 20/01/2018
https://gruporadioescuchaargentino.wordpress.com/2018/01/20/inauguran-primera-antena-en-puerto-rico-y-el-caribe-alimentada-por-energia-solar/

La estaciÛn radial comunitaria Radio Casa Pueblo se convirtiÛ en la primera emisora en todo el Caribe en transformar su infraestructura para operar en su totalidad con energÌa renovable. Aparte de la reducciÛn de costos, esto implica un impacto positivo para el ambiente.

Resultado de imagen para Radio Casa Pueblo [capciÛn]

Seg˙n la comunicaciÛn escrita, el producto fue desarrollado por Casa Pueblo de Adjuntas y la empresa Maximo Solar Industries, que junto a la organizaciÛn sin fines de lucro Somos Solar, unieron esfuerzos para adoptar instituciones educativas de impacto comunitario alrededor de la Isla, energiz·ndolas con el sol.

En el marco de la celebraciÛn del dÈcimo aniversario de Radio Casa Pueblo, el proyecto cobra especial relevancia para la estaciÛn, que durante el paso del Hurac·n MarÌa se convirtiÛ en la principal fuente de comunicaciÛn para las poblaciones de la regiÛn central de Puerto Rico. El hecho de ahora operar cien por ciento con energÌa solar, le permite la continuidad a su operaciÛn, sin depender de los vaivenes del sistema elÈctrico, explicaron.

Arturo Massol Dey·, director asociado de Casa Pueblo, afirmÛ que ìRadio Casa Pueblo marca una nueva ruta para las telecomunicaciones. Tras el paso del Hurac·n MarÌa, las comunicaciones colapsaron por razones diversas como daÒos a las antenas, accesos intransitables a las ·reas de Èstas y escasez de combustible para recargar los generadores. Aunque Radio Casa Pueblo ya funcionaba con energÌa solar, el transmisor todavÌa dependÌa de un generador elÈctrico. Los altos costos convencionales para operar ese transmisor ahogaban la operaciÛn cotidiana de nuestro proyecto radial. Este gran proyecto que hemos podido finalizar en tiempo rÈcord nos libera de ese gasto oneroso y nos deja mucho mejor preparados, no solo para el trabajo cotidiano sino tambiÈn para enfrentar emergenciasî.

Resultado de imagen para Radio Casa Pueblo

La inversiÛn fue cercana a los $73,000 en fondos combinados entre la organizaciÛn Casa Pueblo, la empresa Maximo Solar Industries, asÌ como donaciones del fabricante de baterÌas solares Mk Battery/East Penn en Estados Unidos.

El proyecto de energÌa renovable consistiÛ en la instalaciÛn de 42 paneles solares de 260 Vatios que producen alrededor de 16,000 KWh

anuales, combinados con la baterÌa UNIGY II 48AVR95-33, en energÌa limpia para sostener la operaciÛn total de la estaciÛn. Por su peculiaridad y por lo que implica la operaciÛn de Radio Casa Pueblo para la Isla, este es uno de los proyectos m·s significativos para M·ximo Solar.

ìLa transformaciÛn energÈtica de Puerto Rico a un modelo limpio y sustentable requiere de acciones concretas palpablesî, expresÛ M·ximo Torres, presidente de Maximo Solar Industries. ìHoy somos partÌcipes de una iniciativa real de uno de muchos proyectos de energÌa que producen y almacenan su propia energÌa, proyectos que aportan grandemente a un mejor Puerto Rico y a sus comunidades. Seguiremos dando el m·ximo por ayudar a construir un nuevo modelo energÈtico en Puerto Rico,î concluyÛ Torres.

ìAnunciamos esta gran noticia con mucho Ènfasis y ·nimo celebratorio porque queremos ser un modelo a emular por otros medios de comunicaciÛn locales y de toda la zona caribeÒa. Que, en la prÛxima emergencia, estemos todos mejor preparados para comunicarnos, evitar tragedias y servir a nuestras comunidadesî, aÒadiÛ Massol.

Radio Casa Pueblo se escucha por la frecuencia 1020AM en la zona central y tambiÈn a la distancia, vÌa Internet, por www.casapueblo.org y Tunein Radio (extraÌda Ìntegramente de http://www.primerahora.com via GRA blog via DXLD)

PR no longer has a 1030 station, WOSO in English, facilitating 1020 and 1040 stations (gh, DXLD)

** ROMANIA. 6030-DRM, RRI via Galbeni, English cutting in & out to the point it wasn't really listenable, despite an S9+ and pretty much unQRMed signal. English started with presumed news, but the skipping was such I could only really tell it was read by a YL. I tweaked, and the signal got a little better after news and I could actually make out some of the programming, including "The Future Starts Today" with talx re Romania considering recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and a 'Romanian musical break' with a female pop singer with "Today" (in Romanian). Then "Roots" about mid-January holidays and traditions in Romania. ID and sked leading to IS and carrier off at 2157. Poor, the 27 minute program 'recorded' 19:30 of audio, so there were a LOT of breaks there making following the content really hard. 2130-2157* 12/Jan SDRplay +SDRuno +DReaM +ANC-4 +randomwire (Ken Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

6130, R. Romania International, 1/14, 0825-0840, in English. Music features on Sundays are usually the wildest, and tonight is no exception. SIO 333. [time must be wrong: only RRI on 6130 in English is at 01-02 UT, as in further logs of his: gh]

(+) 1/15, 0110-0139, in English; this day marks the 8th anniversary of National Culture Day in Romania and the birthday of poet Mihai Eminescu. Aud.N activated for music. SIO 311

(+) 1/16, 0110-0125, Business Club discussed proposed improvements to the Bucharest airport. SIO 311

(+) 1/17, 0115-0140; in the segment of Society Today, online sexual harassment of women was discussed. SIO 211

(+) 1/19, 0100-0150; Newsflash update reports the Romanian Health Ministry pays special attention to anti-flu vaccination and this year it has purchased twice the number of vaccine doses used last year. SINFO 44333

(+) R. Romania Int. 1/20, 0105-0148, in English; RRI Encyclopedia narrated a brief biography of Mihai Eminescu, indigenous music, and during the segment "DX Mailbag", a reading of one of my reception reports, which was submitted electronically just last week. SIO 311; supplemented by Audio Now for clarity whenever analog is poor (Ronald Sives, South Plainfield, NJ, ETON field radio and 66 ft. random wire, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 21 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Reception of Radiocompany Adygeya/Adygeyan Radio, Jan 19:
1800-1900 on 6000 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg to CeAs Adygeyan Fri, fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-gtrk-radiocompany.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18-19, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. CHINA vs.RUSSIA CNR-1 vs Radio Sakha on Jan 20
from 2252 on 7345 BEI 100 kW / 175 deg to EaAs Chinese CNR-1
from 2252 on 7345 IAK 100 kW / 300 deg to FERu Rus/Yak R.Sakha
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/cnr-1-vs-radio-sakha-on-jan20.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RWANDA [non]. 17615, FRANCE, Radio Itahuka at 1600 in Kinyarwanda with a brief fanfare and a woman with talk ñ Fair Jan 21 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

??? Not in schedules; rather at 16-17 on 17615 is RFI in Hausa; o, per Aoki, Itahuka is on 17605, typo? but Saturdays only, not Sundays.

Aoki shows Itakuka:
16-17 Sat 17605 ISS
17-18 Sat 15180 ISS
18-19 Sat 15420 MDC

HFCC the same except no name, and you have to guess that language Kin refer to this. Even WRTH 2018 page 517 claims language is Kirundi i.e. Burundi`s, instead of Kinyarwanda! There may not be much difference, but surely must really be in the one for the target country. I have pointed out this disparity again and again; is no one paying attention? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SAIPAN. 9985.021, Jan 18 at 1538, Korean at S9. It`s RFA at 15-17, 100 kW, typically off-frequency from Saipan at 15-17. Helps very little to avoid bigsig 9980 WWCR, but clear of that with USB tuning. No jamming audible. (At 17-19 & 21-22, 9985 RFA Korean is via Tinian 250 kW instead)(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA [and non] 9790

** SAO TOME. [Re 18-03:] Interesting point about the VOA, Bill. A bit sad. Anyway, here's another 1530 VOA sign-off announcement - this recording from yesterday (16 JAN at 2200 UT / 5 p.m. EST): https://app.box.com/s/qmm03ddhonalz346lo892lynjez2xtpz

This should be a piece of cake at this time along the US and Canada East Coast. So "go get 'em" (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, Jan 17, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

1530 Sao Tome - Sometimes You Win One --- Here it is, at 4:59 pm. WJDM had just signed off and WVBF was probably at 4 watts finally and I got lucky...
https://app.box.com/s/uko8ixmiynemfu7wologbhybo6fih5ap
(Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, Switchable E-W flag, 15'tall and 40' long, Jan 21, ibid.)

** SEYCHELLES [non]. FEBA Radio via BaBcoCk Al-Dhabayya UAE on Jan 16 1200-1230 on 15215 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to CeAs Tibetan, weak to fair http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-feba-radio-via-babcock-al_16.html

Reception of FEBA Radio via BaBcoCk Woofferton on Jan 16:
1700-1830 on 9775 WOF 250 kW / 107 deg to N/ME Arabic R.Sama, strong
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-feba-radio-via-babcock_17.html

Reception of FEBA Radio via BaBcoCk Yerevan, Jan 16:
1730-1800 on 7510 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to EaAf Silte, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-feba-radio-via-babcock_65.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1053 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 20, 2018 via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, SIBC, 1211-1346*, on Jan 22. Mostly just

carrier heard, but at times very faint music could be made out; continuing to have serious problems with low modulation (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. 7119.997, Jan 22 at 0355, R. Hargeisa is S9 to S9+10 with undermodulated talk, slightly below frequency as best I can measure it; much stronger than the neighboring Eritreans, all INTRUDERS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AMERICA. Posible emisora pirata en 6934.9 kHz --- 15/01/2018

El pasado 15 de enero de 2018 pudo ser sintonizada una extraÒa emisora, seguramente pirata y aparentemente transmitiendo desde alg˙n lugar de SudamÈrica en la frecuencia de 6934.9 kHz, en modo AM. El dato para la captaciÛn la proporcionÛ el colega estadounidense Chris Smolinski.

Imagen relacionada [capciÛn]

Esta nueva radio fue captada despuÈs de las 2315 UT y difundÌa casi exclusivamente m˙sica internacional de las dÈcadas de los 80 y 90. Fue reportada con muy buena recepciÛn en la Ciudad AutÛnoma de Buenos Aires y en la localidad costera de Pinamar, en el sudeste de la Provincia de Buenos Aires. El s/off de la transmisiÛn fue abrupto y se produjo a las 0005 UT dek 16/01/18 (GRA blog via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 9980, WWCR Nashville TN (presumed); 1728-1820+, 1/14; Episode of Allan Weiner Worldwide (WWCR got permission?) with AW making excuses for Bro. HyStairical & preaching angry God, fire & brimstone stuff. No ToH break; 1819 AW was rudely interrupted by gravel-voiced Bro. HyStairical with intro to a 1988 B.S. prophecy. S20 peaks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' RW, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

USofA: 3215, WWCR (presumed) with Brother Sparechange in an OLDE tape getting hot and bothered. At 0610 they had the computer voice with a different message (dang it I didn't record quickly enough!) and then into 'testimony' from Alan Wiener 'that doesn't necessarily reflect the opinion of the Overcomer Ministry' talking about the SWAT team descending on the compound and talking about his personal relationship with the group. Dang it -- I assume this will be rebroadcast, and I gotta get this on tape! Then into someone preaching whose voice was not familiar talking about conservation/environmentalism and the world bank conspiracy. 54+544, 0605-0645 16/Jan SDRplay +SDRuno +ANC-4 +rw --Zichi MI

3215, WWCR, Following up on yesterday so I could get a tape, I let the radio record most of the night. Here's the 'digs': 0359 as I set things up, there was an actual WWCR ID, with WWCR.com promo, and into "Challenge" with a Non-BS preacher. I tuned away and came back at 0504 at which time an OLDE tape was playing where BS prophesied that "before the year 2000 we will witness a terrible war, famine, pestilence and the aftermath that will literally remove over one BILLION people in a FEW DAYS TIME..." [glad that didn't happen!]

At 0524 abruptly into "There's Something Mighty Sweet About the Lord" song, which led up to the introduction at 0529 of what this was. At 0529 they announced "The Chapel Platform" from Bob Jones University, with a 1974 Lester Rolloff sermon about knowing God's will for 'readiness'. There was a MOST odd segment at 0537 where 'the girls', in a segment that sounded a lot like robo-kids, chanted in unison Psalm 91. Spooky sounding! After that 'the girls' and Dr Rolloff started singing "Great is the Lord", and then did the whole 'chant' thing with Psalm 8. Did I mention it was spooky sounding? Then the girls did another a cappella song "Unto Thee Oh Lord". This creepiness ended at 0541 when Dr R started talking about Bob Jones 'and the litigation' it faced.

They were miffed that the IRS had revoked its charitable status because they denied admission to anyone involved in or advocating for "interracial marriage or dating" -- yes really. God doesn't want you to love, but is that argument really so strange even today? see: http://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/461/574

Continuing on with "There's something Mighty Sweet" at 0543. Then at 0546 they stopped singing and Dr R began preaching again from Second Samuel. He 'closed the message' with another a cappella song "He Saved Me" at 0559. For only $7 you can get a transcript of today's message. I'm sure the words on the page can't do it justice.

Then at 0600 back to a young Brother Stairmaster, with a woman singing who clearly was in pain. This 'sermon' was about the UnGodly, and how we are now in the last generation and it will come to an end in 1988 -- OK. This rant continued to a criticism of binge eating and drinking and of course talking about homosexuality, women who want to be like men, etc. as a sign of the end times. He went on to rag on organized religion, as usual.

At 0657 he self-interrupted and gave the Walterboro address asking for money. Then continued to a sermon he gave IN 1988 "The Prophesy" [sic] with more of the same. At 0724 there was another transition with mailing address and begging for 'support', and this one was more recent as there was mention of email and the website. Prepare! (Maybe that Chapel Platform WAS something from BS's archives?) Into the

Hallelujah Chorus at 0727. Then more preaching at 0729 by someone who sounded like a Black BS (or maybe it was BS....?) reading from John 3:1 and telling a long rambling story about a girl who rejected god and instead had an incestuous relationship with her father and they ended up dead in a car crash.

At 0825 into music which led to the Robo-minion recording talking about Brother Stair's "legal difficulties" at 0829. This led into a half hour soliloquy by Allan Wiener about Brother Stair. Then at 0900 into more BS talking about "the church" and emoting greatly for a good hour almost. At 0956 another BS address announcement, and then a WWCR s/off announcement mentioning they were moving to 15795 and plug-pull.

54+54+4+ (THIS close to all fives....) 0359-0400 and again 0500-0958*
(Yes, I really DID listen to most of that 5 hours -- I need help)
17/Jan SDRplay +SDRconsole +randomwire (Ken Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

9980, Jan 18 at 1536, TOM via WWCR once again with Allan Weiner`s testimony, but a shorter excerpt this time.

What`s become of Brother Stair? Searching
http://www.postandcourier.com
finds zero stories about Stair or Overcomer so far this year, but LOTS of false positives (Glenn Hauser, OK, Jan 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 15390, REE at 1620 // 15500 in Spanish with two men with excited football coverage ñ Excellent signal but considerably over-driven audio Jan 21 ñ The audio on 15500 was just fine so this had to be a transmitter problem, possibly a tube about to blow. This was corrected later in the day when I re-checked at 2150 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

R Exterior de EspaÒa RNE on three of four frequencies Jan 21
1500-1900 9690 NOB 200 kW / 290 deg ENAm Spanish Sat/Sun, fair/good
1500-1900 15390 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun, distorted
1500-1900 15500 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg N/ME Spanish Sat/Sun, very good
1500-1900 17755 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg WCAf Spanish Sat/Sun, no signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/radio-exterior-de-espana-rne-on-three.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

15390, REE at 2006 // 9690 and 15500 in Spanish with a man with talk over pop vocals about football ñ Very Good Jan 23 - The overdriven audio noted on January 21st has been fixed (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off

centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD) Temporarily? Since missing

** SRI LANKA. FEBA Radio via SLBC Trincomalee back on air at new time:
1330-1400 9775 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg SoAs, ex 1400-1430 as follows
1330-1345 Telugu Mon/Tue; Malayalam Wed-Sat; Kannada Sun
1345-1400 English Mon; Tamil Tue/Wed and Kannada Thu-Sat
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/feba-radio-via-slbc-trincomalee-was.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 16-17, dxldyg via WORLD OF
RADIO 1914, DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. Very good signal of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corp Jan 21
1630-1730 on 11750 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg to N/ME Sinhala City FM Daily
1730-1830 on 11750 TRM 125 kW / 345 deg to N/ME Sinhala City FM Sa/Su
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/very-good-signal-of-sri-lanka.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SUDAN. Very odd frequency of Radio Omdurman Sudan on Jan 17
from 0606 on 7204 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Arabic, ex 7205
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/very-odd-frequency-of-radio-omdurman.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 16-17, dxldyg via DXLD)

Again very odd frequency of Radio Omdurman Sudan, Jan 18
from 1404 NF 7204 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Arabic, ex 7205:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/again-very-odd-frequency-of-radio.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18-19, dxldyg via WORLD OF
RADIO 1914, DXLD)

7204.02, 0410-0415 19.1, R Omdurman, Al-Aitahab, Arabic news   35333
(Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28
metres of longwire, wbradio yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

Off frequency 7204.0, Sudan Radio (presumed), 0447, Jan 20. Sounded to
be in Arabic, but weak; nothing on 7205.0 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State
Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO
1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Omdurman Sudan was back on nominal 7205, Jan 21-22
1902 & 0545 on 7205 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Arabic, ex 7204
Station is on 7205 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Arabic 0200-2200
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/radio-omdurman-sudan-was-back-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 21-22, dxldyg via WORLD OF
RADIO 1914, dxld)

** SUDAN [non]. Reception of Radio Dabanga on Jan 15
1527-1626 on 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
1527-1626 on 15550 SMG 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-dabanga-on-jan15.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1053 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 20, 2018

via DXLD)

Why would R. Dabanga, for Darfur in west Sudan be broadcasting in Juba Arabic, the dialect of South Sudan, which R. Tamazuj would use?? I have raised this question again and again, and nobody corrects or explains it. Is anyone paying attention? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. Reception of Radio Tamazuj on Jan 15
1429-1527 on 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
1429-1527 on 15550 SMG 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf OC/dead air
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-tamazuj-on-jan15.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1053 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 20, 2018 via DXLD)

** SURINAME. 4990 kHz, Radio Apintie - Paramaribo / Locution Voice men talk. Received with better modulation here in my QTH. Day 20 January 2018 in 0017 UT, SINPO 34333
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_9usUIQK90

RX: Yaesu FRG 8800. Antenna: Beverage simples. DXer: (Daniel Wyllyans - SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia - Nova Xavantina - Mato Grosso - Brazil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. Fair to good signal of Sound of Hope on Jan 19
from 2329 on 7810 unknown kW / non-dir to EaAs Chinese
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/fair-to-good-signal-of-sound-of-hope-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 19-20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. Reception of Voice of Tajik in English on Jan 19
from 1330 on 7245 DB 100 kW / non-dir to CeAs English, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-voice-of-tajik-in-english_19.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18-19, dxldyg via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. TAJIKISTAN, Frequency changes, V of Tibet from Jan 18
1200-1208 NF 11517 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11507
1208-1219 NF 11507 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11513
1219-1230 NF 11507 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11512
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/frequency-changes-of-voice-of-tibet.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

11635, TAJIKISTAN, Voice of Tibet at 1319 in Tibetan with a man with talk and stringed instrumentals then two men in discussion from 1322 ñ Fair with no sign of CNR1 jammer Jan 21 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

Not on a split frequency as always for VOT? Maybe this was really the jammer, which stays on 5/0 frequencies (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** TURKEY. 5960, Jan 18 at 0043, Turkish music on VG S9+20/10 signal, must be another bonus broadcast of VOT German hour, not supposed to be on any SW frequency, but why not just leave the English transmitter on another hour? Yes, YL in German at 0044 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5960, Jan 19 at 2309, no signal from Voice of Turkey, English to North America. Rather than simply off, we know from experience that the Emirler sloppyrator probably left transmitter on a previous frequency. Later checking the HFCC schedule, these are the possibilities to check next time:

9610, English -2230
6120 & 5980, Turkish -2200
9625 & 5970, French -2130

We commonly hear Turkish on 5980 until 2200, but after 2300 it`s DRM from Romania, and I can`t detect any TRT on it too.

Alan Roe was monitoring TRT to determine what`s going on with their Letterbox, and says to the DXLD yg,

``The Voice of Turkey Letterbox Programme was heard today, Friday 19 January during the 2300 UT broadcast on 5960 (although the transmitter was switched on late at around 2330).

The Letterbox Programme is therefore now confirmed as being aired every two-weeks *on Fridays only* at approx. 35 minutes into the transmission and runs approx. 10 minutes. Next airing is scheduled 2 February. Alan Roe, Teddington, UK``

So this info has now been updated at DX/SWL/MEDIA programs, http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html

Alan`s Hitlist has also just been updated:
http://www.w4uvh.net/hitlist.htm
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Jan 19, heard VOT on 6125, mostly good reception; 0428 commentary on Turkish foreign policy; ID; "Question of the month." (Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U A E. UNIDENTIFIED? 7285.095, Jan 22 at 0348, open carrier with some flutter, maybe trace of modulation; no breaks while I listen, so not a ham? RSA? No, Sonder Grense is still on 3320. Gone after 0400

recheck. Aha, Aoki shows 03-04 is a BBC Arabic frequency via UAE, which are renowned for off-frequency-itis (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. -Trans Atlantic: 1089, UKOGBANI, Talksport ñ 1/14 0245 ñ carrying silly American football match between New England and Tennessee. Upmatches to their webstream (Niel Wolfish in Burnt River ON, WinRadio Excalibur G31DDC +Wellbrook Loop, MARE Tipsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

Gawd, even the Brits are doing this now? Sacreligious! [sic] (Ken Zichi, ed., ibid.)

** U K. BBC AM STATIONS SHUT DOWN IN SOME PARTS OF THE UK
Radio World By Doug Irwin, CPBE AMD DRB January 18, 2018

http://www.radiomagonline.com/around-the-world/0020/bbc-am-stations-shut-down-in-some-parts-of-the-uk/39509

The Beeb has ìtrialledî the switch-off of a number of medium-wave transmitters over a few years

Seven BBC local radio stations had their AM transmitters shut down on Jan. 15.

BBC Surrey, Sussex, Humberside, Kent, Lincolnshire, Nottingham and Wiltshire went silent, in addition to partial shutdowns of AM service for BBC Radio Devon, Essex and Humberside, according to radiotoday.co.uk.

ìWe conducted detailed assessments of the coverage of each BBC local radio station on FM, MW and DAB. Following this process, we trialled the switch-off of a number of medium-wave transmitters and asked for audience feedback. Taken together, the audience feedback and the coverage data have informed which medium wave transmitters are unlikely to represent value for money in the longer term,î BBC Director of Distribution & Business Development Kieran Cliftonsaid in the same article.

In other words, transmitters were turned off and no one said anything. In fact, the BBC has ìtrialledî the switch-off of a number of medium-wave transmitters over a few years and subsequently made the decision to turn off 13 transmitters, following audience feedback (or lack thereof). (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Re: BBC local radio closures --- None of the BBC locals have switched off yet - the ones closing are all now playing information loops giving alternative frequencies. According to an FOI response I got

from the BBC about BBC Radio Devon on 1458, it will actually switch off week commencing 29th January, so suspect this may apply to all 13 transmitters closing. 73s (Alan, Caversham, UK, Pennington, 1158 UT Jan 21, mwdx yg via DXLD)

** U K. Well-known bbc.radio.wm (West Midlands) presenter Ed Doolan has recently passed away. Used to do consumers program and was called "the peoples champion" due his critical stance on the city council, etc.! Was born in Sydney, Australia. Used to be a presenter on the African service of Radio DW Cologne. Via the BBC Radio WM latest news on 95ï6o MHz FM (Jon Collins, Birmingham, middle of the UK! Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] Sent you details regarding the late radio presenter Ed Doolan, used to be on BBC Radio.WM, Birmingham. More info on the BBC news website for "Birmingham and the black country". Millions used to tune in to listen to his consumer program (Jon Collins, ibid.) obit

** U K [non]. As I write this report, I am trying to enjoy first episode of new season of Blue Planet II on BBC America cable network. I must say it is among the *worst* insofar as jarring interruptions every 5 minutes or so for a bunch of commercials. And to think, BBC was once the paragon of non-commercial broadcasting. Must be why this episode is allotted a sesquihour instead of one hour. Or rather 10 extra minutes of ads crammed in, as it totals 1:10 plus 20 minutes of behind-the-scenes stuff. Adding insult to injury, inserted amid the adstrings are stay-tuned bitsies of what`s coming up, trying to fool us into unmuting early. Yet the program video in between the ads is breathtaking, the stereo music track, and the Attenborough narration first-rate. If only BBC had more self-respect (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BBC_America

And for their 50.1 percent share in this channel: "BBC Worldwide Ltd. is the wholly owned commercial subsidiary of the BBC, formed out of a restructuring of its predecessor BBC Enterprises in 1995."

I understand that they cross-subsidize other international broadcasting activities, in particular their remaining shortwave services, with incomes generated by their commercial arm (Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. A station we may have heard without ever knowing it; doubtful the callsign is ever transmitted in any copiable way (gh)

HF GEOLOCATION --- Among the Experimental Radio Service licenses, which I am now tweeting at twitter.com/experimradio is this station

WI2XEE operating in numerous HF bands. License renewed 18 Jan 2018.

"SwRI seeks to conduct limited experimental tests to obtain real-world data samples of the characteristics of a low-power ionospheric sounder designed to improve the propagation fidelity of real-time ionospheric propagation models.

"These models will, in turn, be applied to HF emitter geolocation systems to enhance the geolocation accuracy performance of stand-alone and netted direction-finding ("DF") sensors. If successful, this technology could be applied to civil HF geolocation networks, including the FCC's HF DF system and other U.S. government systems."

https://apps.fcc.gov/els/GetAtt.html?id=170546&x=
(Bennett Z Kobb, Jan 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Viz., 5-page pdf; excerpts:

3) Location(s) of Proposed Operations: The proposed tests will be conducted within the campus of Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Road, San Antonio (Bexar County), Texas.

Operations will be at temporary fixed locations within a 1.5 km radius of NL 29-26-29; WL 98-36-55 (NAD 83). SwRIís campus is comprised of approximately 1200 acres, and the location of the test transmitter antenna would be near the center of the campus. The nearest off-campus property is over 400 meters away

5) Frequencies Desired:
As stated in Section 2, SwRI seeks to obtain real-world data samples of the characteristics of a very low power ionospheric sounder designed to improve the fidelity of real-time ionospheric propagation models. Thus, it is critical to SwRI to conduct tests in several HF bands with a range of signal to noise ratios (ìSNRsî).

Specifically, SwRI proposes to operate in selected HF bands between 2 MHz and 16 MHz specified in Attachment A and in the accompanying FCC Form 442. The maximum signal bandwidth would be 100 kHz with a typical bandwidth of 15 kHz.

SwRI does not propose, however, to operate on the restricted bands set forth in Section 15.205 of the FCCís Rules, 47 C.F.R. ß 15.2015 (2014), or on channels deployed by licensees in the public safety (radio service code ìPWî), aeronautical fixed (ìAFî) or public coast (ìPCî) radio services. In addition, company personnel will monitor the operations of other users before commencing transmissions to avoid interference to other users.

SwRI also recognizes that the use of certain frequencies will require coordination through the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (ìIRACî) and SwRI is amendable [sic] to deleting certain frequencies from the bands requested and coordinating with Federal government personnel prior to commencing any transmissions.

[NOTE: the SW broadcast bands are NOT excluded - How dare they! gh]

6) Power Level and Compliance with Human Exposure Limits: SwRI will operate with the minimum necessary power to conduct its test. Transmitted power levels would be = 100 mW, with a goal of = 1 mW. SwRI is requesting up to 100 mW ERP to facilitate initial development and testing of the signal processing algorithms and waveforms. SwRI certifies that it will operate under this experimental license in full compliance with the limits for exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic fields set forth in Section 1.1310 of the Commissionís Rules. All personnel who will operate the equipment are knowledgeable as to the effects of RF energy and will have the ability to control their exposure.

ATTACHMENT A Proposed Bands of Operation

Southwest Research Institute proposes to operate on frequencies between 2 and 16 MHz listed below with a 15 to 100 kHz bandwidth as described in the supporting statement. SwRI would agree to special conditions on the face of the grant of authority that limit operations to certain frequencies or that restrict the use of certain frequencies or sub-bands. SwRI also recognizes that the use of certain frequencies will require coordination through the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (ìIRACî) and SwRI is amenable to deleting certain frequencies from the bands requested and coordinating with Federal government personnel prior to commencing any transmissions.

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2.1905ó2.4950
2.5050ó4.1250
4.1280ó4.1772
4.1778ó4.2072
4.2078ó4.9950
5.0050ó6.2150
6.2180ó6.2677
6.2683ó6.3177
6.3123ó8.2910
8.2940ó8.3620
8.3868ó8.4142
8.4148ó9.9950
10.0050ó12.2900
12.2930ó12.5197
12.5203ó12.5767

12.5773ó13.3600
13.4100ó14.9900
15.0100ó16.0000
(via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Radio Free Europe says Pakistan closes its bureau
http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AS_PAKISTAN_RADIO_CLOSURE
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD) See also PAKISTAN

** U S A [and non]. AFN close down --- AFN stations are broadcasting just classical piano music, and announcements that due to Government shutdown AFN services are not available. Posted by: (Stefano Valianti, Italy, 1314 UT Jan 20, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Government Shut Down now. AFN Eagle local FM program 100 Kilowatt via Media&Broadcast Tower mast Stuttgart Frauenkopf 102.3 MHz plays endless nice PIANO music only, heard at 1350 UT.

So the locally 14.000 security and army US people plus 7.000 around Stuttgart and Bˆblingen/Sindelfingen are out of AFRTS service now.

Next week Davos Switzerland The World Economic Forum's meeting, await Airforce One at Zuerich airport? Does the president have enough gas money for the Air Force one? 73 wb

---- Original Message -----
From: "Wolfgang Bueschel"
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2018 3:02 PM
Subject: AFN Shut Down 102.3 MHz

AFN Eagle Stuttgart 102.3 MHz spielt schˆne klassische Piano Musik.

Die Trump Regierung hat z.Zt. kein Geld, heute Budget-Sperre wie einst bei Obama 14 Tage, Zoos und Museen haben geschlossen, nur die 15 US Geheimdienste sind weiter aktiv. Ob der Blonde noch Geld f¸r den Sprit im Jumbo nach Zuerich hat, um Davos und die Angela zu begl¸cken? 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, 1442 UT Jan 20, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Google translation of his original German:]
AFN Eagle Stuttgart 102.3 MHz plays beautiful classical piano music.

The Trump government has currently no money, budget lock today as once with Obama 14 days, Zoos and museums have closed only the 15 US intelligence agencies are still active. Whether the blonde still has money for the fuel in jumbo to Zurich, to make Davos and Angela happy? 73 wb (via DXLD)

To avoid a possible misunderstanding: This is the actual AFN feed; it goes out also via all the other transmitters run by AFN itself (I think Stuttgart is the only third party facility they still lease in Germany), and it is not just music but also includes an announcement. See here, in particular the just posted Youtube video: http://radioforum.foren.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,1453605

I find this choice of classical music pretty remarkable. They could also run continuous AC music; the program consists of little else anyway. But obviously it has to look as being shut down as much as it can be done without stretching things to such extremes like a nice 1 kHz at -10 dBr. Who has ordered this approach, which appears to be politically motivated?

What about BBG now? Do they, as they did the last time in the Obama era, continue as if nothing happened, claiming that their broadcasts are of importance for national security, raising very big questions about their effective (as opposed to proclaimed) editorial independence? (Kai Ludwig, 1544 UT Jan 20, DXLD)

see Hotbird table attachment

1625 UT on Jan 20. CNN TV on air, 'eco solutions' program.
54 px VoA channels, some of two-mono radios, on Hotbird 13.0E, 12226Vertical

most of VoA TV and RADIO channels on satellite with positive programs on air, some r e d coloured in attached DOC file and marked "loop Praha" endless pause announcement 'this is RFE / RL Praha' (Prague Czech Rep broadcasting house) 73 wb

[including some hilited entries]:
``VoA TV Europe
[VoA Projects Phabrix test card, yes HDTV Pilot]
Radio Farda TV, only some slide picturs
VoA TV Persian
American Embassy TV Network, yes DOS TV`` (via DXLD)

See https://www.bbg.gov/shutdown-guidance/

Keeping 60 percent of the workforce on duty is exactly what they did during the last shutdown in 2013. During this shutdown, on 3 Oct 2013, they even introduced Kevin Klose as president of RFE/RL, at a meeting in Prague.

The good, old "This is Radio Free Europe. Radio Liberty. Praha. Buup." is, by Washington master control I assume, always put on circuits not in use in this moment. It used to be the interval signal that preluded

some of the VOA transmissions from Wertachtal. And for some time it went evening after evening out for 60 minutes on 1188 kHz, when they had cut back program airtime without cancelling the transmission, too.

Here's that little souvenir of a terrible year*):
https://www.radiomuseum.org/forum/mittelwellensender_marcali.html

These Dorrough meters are otherwise completely uncommon in Europe. In fact it's for Europeans even a mystery what exactly they display.

And the transmitter itself is a Tayfun. Same 2 x 500 kW configuration than at Burg (783 kHz) and Wachenbrunn (1323 kHz). Sosnovy had a single 500 kW block for 279 kHz. And Bolshakovo has a truly modest configuration of 2 x 2500 and 1 x 2000 kW. I still remember how surprised someone was when I told him about the location of this facility. So far he believed that it was around the corner, prompted by the signal level these 2500 kW plus 7 dB of antenna gain produced.

*) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3x1klHNdOVo
(Kai Ludwig, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

However, NBC News reported at 2335 UT Jan 21 that AFN has now been declared ``essential`` so troops overseas may watch some stupid ballgame --- does that apply to radio, everything across the board, or only TV during the game, or what? (Glenn Hauser, DX WORLD OF RADIO 1914, LISTENING DIGEST)

Indeed, I right now see a report that this morning, after 0600 UT, again the regular FM program format was found on air.

During Sunday the audio of a TV channel labelled AFN|news had been transmitted instead of the radio program. More about this here (Google translate would help I hope):
http://radioforum.foren.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,1453605,1453705#msg-1453705
(Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DXLD) Including:

``Zitat AFN Europe --- To the world's most deserving viewing audience, it gives me great pleasure to announce we have been given the authority to bring back limited television services. As such, we have brought back two channels -- AFN News and AFN Sports. We will be broadcasting both the NFC and AFC championships.

I thank you for your patience as we work to provide you what we can within the legal restrictions of the Government shutdown. Col Dave Honchul, Director, AFN`` (via Wolfgang R., radioforum via DXLD)

According to Stars and Stripes, "classical music was playing on its radio and television stations and the network posted a message online

that said AFN services were not available due to the government shutdown." They at least were able to turn back on the news and sports channel for AFN in time for the NFL games as to not cause an armed revolt from personnel, of course.

(Chris Kadlec, Seoul, Korea South, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. In enumerating the WORLD OF RADIO times via WRMI last week, I omitted one, please note: Wed 1030 on 9455 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1913 monitoring: missed checking Wed Jan 17 at 1030 on WRMI 9455, and Wed Jan 17 at 2200 on WBCQ 7490v; did anyone hear either? Not confirmed after 0030 UT Thu Jan 18 on 9330v-CUSB, WBCQ inaudible, not on air and/or not propagating. Next:
Thu 2230.5 WRMI 5850 to NW
Fri 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0729 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1531 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2030v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2300 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0200 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0410v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 9455 to WNW
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1914?]

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http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Next good chance to hear WORLD OF RADIO 1913 is Thursday 2230.5 on WRMI 5850 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1913 monitoring: confirmed Thursday January 18 at 2230.5 on WRMI 5850, very good S9+20. Not confirmed UT Fri Jan 19 at 0030 on WBCQ, 9330v-CUSB, inaudible; ditto 24 hours later, UT Sat Jan 20 at 0030. Next:
Sat 0729 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1531 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2030v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

Sat 2300 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0200 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0410v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 9455 to WNW
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1914?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1913 monitoring: Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, reports: ``GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 6190 CUSB, http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on_20.html
Jan 20: 0730-0800 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg CEu English, good signal``

I confirmed via UTwente SDR, Saturday January 20 at 1550, the 1531 on HLR 6190-USB GERMANY, but I am barely audible beneath the two Chinese stations; unusable.

Alan Gale in England reports: ``Hi Glenn, HLR on 6190 was a reasonable signal up to around 1515 UT today, though with another station just audible underneath it, but then conditions changed, and during your programme at 1530 the other station was dominating, though I could tell you were there. Hopefully things will improve in the next few weeks as the days start to lengthen, and the QRM arrives here a bit later. It's back to 7780 at 2300 UT again tonight then, that has been reasonable here in the UK since WRMI switched its programmes to that frequency. Alan``

I confirmed Saturday January 20 before 1730 on all three WRN feeds, but not exactly synchronized. See and hear via http://babcock.media/world-radio-network/how-to-listen/ which also lists a number of WRN radio affiliates in USA, but not necessarily with us at this time, more likely overnight than 1700 UT; or 0230 UT Mondays.

WOR 1913 also confirmed Sat Jan 20 at 2230 on WBCQ, 9330.005v-CUSB, following the IS & The Planet ID loop at 2228, S9+10. Nice to have such a good signal now, since every other day of the week it`s normally inaudible by WOR time 2430.

Also confirmed Sat Jan 20 at 2300 on WRMI 7780, only fair. Also confirmed UT Sun Jan 21 at 0200 on WRMI 7780, S9-S7 but not much modulation punch; and some scratchy SSB ACI, which I find on 7777.00-USB, very poor, 2-way in Spanish; just as I am talking about Antarctica on 7775-USB! [WORLD OF RADIO 1914]

Also confirmed, UT Sun Jan 21 at 0433 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, MO, fair signal about 8 minutes into show which must have started circa 0425.
Next:
Sun 1130 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 9455 to WNW
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1914?]
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 9485 CUSB, Jan 21 1131-1200 9485 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg CeEu English Sat, weak/fair:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on_21.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO 1913 monitoring: I missed checking 0030 UT Monday Jan 22 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, but chances are high it would have been inaudible.

Confirmed UT Mon Jan 22 starting at 0401:20 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5129.834, S5-S9 but R2 at best. Also confirmed UT Mon Jan 22 at 0430 on WRMI 9455, seamless transition from NHK Spanish // 5985 until 0430, now // 9955. A bit earlier at 0412, 9455 was S9+10/20 while 9955 was S6-S8 with something in English, so I was expecting 9455 to be much stronger than 9955 for WOR --- but, now, 9955 has surged up to S9+20, while 9455 is S9+10 at best! As if 9955 had made an antenna switch, but that`s not something WRMI ever does on a single frequency, according to own schedules. Next:
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1914?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1913 monitoring: not confirmed UT Tue Jan 23 at 0030 on WBCQ, no signal audible on 9330v-CUSB. But at same time VG S9+20/30 on WRMI 7730. Next:
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1914?]

I expect to have 1914 ready for Tue 2130 on 9455
Full WOR schedule via all media, podcast access:
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1913 monitoring: confirmed final SW broadcast Tuesday January 23 at 2030 on WRMI, 7780 very poor, 9455 poor to fair. We are

getting into longer days, making a return to 11580 a good idea already, at least in this direxion.

WOR 1914 contents: Anguilla, Antarctica, Armenia, Australia, Bahamas, Bougainville, Bouvet Island, Brasil, Canada, China, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea non, France, India, Japan/Korea North non, Kurdistan non, Myanmar, Nigeria non, Oklahoma non, Pakistan and non, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, South Carolina, Sri Lanka, Sudan, USA and non, Vatican non, Vietnam non; and the propagation outlook

WOR 1914 monitoring: ready for first airing Tuesday January 23 at 2130 on WRMI 9455, now fair-good; was uploaded with about 6 minutes to spare. Again/still inaudible on 9330v-CUSB, WBCQ at 0030 UT Wed Jan 24, if it really be on air. 9265 WINB is very poor. Next:

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Wed 1030   WRMI 9455 to WNW
Wed 2200   WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Thu 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Thu 2230.5 WRMI 5850 to NW
Fri 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0729   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1531   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
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Sun 0200   WRMI 7780 to NE
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Sun 1130   HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430   WRMI 9955 to SSE, 9455 to WNW
Tue 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030   WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1915?]
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(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9455, Jan 17 at 1445, WRMI another repeat of the `Viva Miami` interview with Allan Weiner, so I pull out a bit more detail. WRMI is giving him some spare equipment, but is it eventually to get another WBCQ transmitter operational, partly from what`s left of the burnt one? See also ALBANIA [non], ARGENTINA [non]

9455, Thu Jan 18 at 2128, WRMI World Music, maybe just a few minutes fill after short program, scheduled as `Walking in Power` at 2100, or replacing the whole thing. After 2130 into `Wavescan`, including at

2138 the Indian DX report; 2147 ID as the WS for ``today, Sunday December 31``, the day KQV Pittsburgh closes down, and Ray reading a feature about it.

?? There should have been two more episodes of WS since then. Not the first time an unlatest one has appeared on WRMI. Does this mean all airings on all Systems are thus, or just some of them? It would be quite a task to monitor each of the dozens of scheduled airings encompassing every day of the week and most of the transmitters / frequencies, for which episodes air when; and the following week it might differ anyway (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good signal The Power Hour via WRMI Okeechobee tx#1, Jan 19
from 2251 on 7780 YFR 100 kW / 044 deg to WeEu English Mon-Fri
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/good-signal-power-hour-via-wrmi.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 19-20, dxldyg via DXLD)

9455, Fri Jan 19 at 2313-2320, WRMI with `Your Weekend Show`, as Bob Biermann is not preaching yet, but talking about his vast experience in emergency management in South Carolina, and on the Hawaiian false-alarm, ``something about this is untrue, or incomplete; not an accidental event, planned by some agency``. As he suspects it was a deliberate test to assess public response, yet he is ``not into conspiracy theories``.

9395, Sat Jan 20 at 0905, my brief awakening discovers AWR Wavescan at yet another secret WRMI airtime, feature about Jammu, so which episode is it? 9455 meanwhile is music fill, but presumably would be RAE Japanese on weekdays, still yet to be absolutely confirmed. See also ARGENTINA

9455, Sat Jan 20 at 2150, WRMI with operatic tenor, old recording with distortion, Italian announcement, so that`s `Startrek Italy` as sked at 2145-2200. After 2200 on 9455, `Dub Politico` guy is saying he`s at 2100 on 7780 ex-11580, which may be so but now he`s on 9455 // 9955; while 7780 // 9395 are in Oldies, replacing M-F `The Power Hour`. At 2222 on 9395 Bob Bierman announces that he is on 9455; NOT.

It would be most helpful if WRMI could put up individual block schedules like 9955, for each frequency for every hour of every day that they are on air, rather than having to try to match up which ones are // which other ones at any particular time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5850, AWR (via WRMI) at 0100 with Jeff White hosting ìWavescanî with a report on the start of broadcasting in Jammu and Kashmir in 1947 ñ Good Jan 21 [UT Sunday] (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles,

ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

Another secret WS time to add to DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS (gh, DXLD)

5850, UT Sunday January 21 at 0130, WRMI starts `IBC Radio`, DX program from Italy, with some logs out of DX Fanzine. VG signal, and not on the schedule at http://www.tinyurl.com/WRMIfqs
0158 I hear radiogram beeps on weak 9395 same as 5850, so add it too.

The program grids below the frequency grids have not been updated, still showing 11580 here and there but no 5850 at all at this hour. According to it, `IBC Radio` should be UT Sat 0130 on 5950 & ``11580``; and ALSO UT Sat 0130 on 9395 & 9455. I am adding times DX programs are *really* heard, also `Wavescan`, q.v., to DX/SWL/MEDIA programs.

5850, Sunday January 21 at 0707, WRMI is on tonight with preacher from Main Street Church of Christ about Acts and // 7730, both VG but modulation slightly distorted, from program source? Says he has 21 international radio broadcasts to all the Earth including multiple times to Africa; then referencing Galatians 3:16 (which is about the seeds of Abraham --- didn`t know about spermatozoa then). Skedgrid shows these two at 07-09 now on air Sun & Mon only, this hour being `Worship in Your Home`. Same 07-08 hour on Mon is labeled `Broad Spectrum Radio`, and it`s overdue for a new monthly edition, but nothing yet on BSR website since December`s Xmas music mashup. `Shortwave Radiogram` also expects to radiate beeps on both, Mon at 0800-0830.

7780, Jan 21 at 1524, poor signal from WRMI with the exuberant steel drum tune, i.e. World Music fill, and not Oldies which are not // this but // each other on 9395 & 9455. 15-16 UT on 7780 is scheduled Sundays only as `Yeshua Messiah Ministry`, which must be a no-show (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9395, VORW Radio (via WRMI) at 2130 with a man with ID and opening announcements and referring to listenersí letters including my e-mail where I told them about my obnoxious sandwich from my University of Windsor days and into pop vocals at 2137 ñ Fair Jan 21 [Sunday] (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

9395, Jan 22 at 0408-0410, VOA News relayed by WRMI Oldies, S9+10, better than anything now from VOA itself. Caster is Jonathan Jones, and he stumbles in one of the stories. I often hear VOA newspersons stumble, and can only wonder about their experience and professionalism. Maybe they are distracted with a bad situation on their minds. Not that I never do so, but recording, I back up and

correct most of them; while VOA news is presumably read live. Not necessarily: for best results, some commercial network news would be recorded a few minutes before airing. After perfectly canned Bob Biermann ID, 0411 ``Alice`s Restaurant``, which is the name of the song, not a restaurant.

9455, Jan 22 at 1447, WRMI `Viva Miami` episode still replaying the Allan Weiner visitation; not unusual for VM not to be refreshed weekly. Clear here, away from the Thieving Magpie on 9960 vs // 9955; see PALAU.

9395 // 7780, Jan 23 at 2130, music, apparently Oldies on WRMI, rather than `Power Hour`; what happened?

9395 // 9455, Jan 23 at 2302, now this WRMI pair are // with network news, at first assumed VOA but there`s a commercial break and soon reference to townhall.com --- that`s a relatively new network which has also appeared on WBCQ (or at least when duplicating its AM or FM station), and also shows up on far-right talk stations such as KZLS 1640 OK. In fact its website is titled ``conservative news, politix`` --- if it`s conservative, it`s not news, but openly slanted. Can you imagine something proudly calling itself ``liberal news``? For us it`s just NEWS, facts without a slant. Who`s behind townhall? They admit on the aboutus page that it`s Salem, i.e. cool with witchhunts (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5129.794, UT Wed Jan 17 at 0247, WBCQ is a poor S9 in ham radio show, `Amateur Radio Roundtable`. It starts at 0200 mainly as a live stream, but also on WBCQ; details at http://w5kub.com/ It may be open-ended but nominally a sesquihour on WBCQ. This WBCQ is 40-50 Hz below its usual spot; wonder if a different transmitter? At this time, no signal on 5085 WTWW-2, Ted`s competing ham show, maybe already started and finished, or AWOL (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7489.909, UT Sat Jan 20 after 0000, lo-fi phone line of some guy on WBCQ explaining why the Catholic Church has got everything wrong; ``Mary is not to be worshiped/worshipped {my spell-checkers disagree}``. Recheck late in hour via webcast, he also doesn`t think much of the Jews, Hindus, Jehovah`s Witnesses, Family Radio. 0059 almost running out of time, IDs as ``FKB Radio Sermon Time``, spells town too fast to copy, but ZIP is 21227, which is Halethorpe, Maryland.

So this is the show that has replaced `Fred Flintstone`, who was much more entertaining. Searching on FKB Halethorpe leads to a bunch of books concerning sermons in a catalog, published by FKB Radio Sermon Time:

http://www.worldcat.org/title/christ-and-him-crucified-the-sum-and-substance-of-the-gospel-the-only-hope-of-the-sinner-and-the-glory-of-the-christian/oclc/761318114

``Christ, and him crucified: the sum and substance of the Gospel, the only hope of the sinner, and the glory of the Christian. Author: D A Harsha. Publisher: Halethorpe, MD : F.K.B. Radio Sermon Time, 200-. Edition/Format: Print book : English View all editions and formats. Rating: (not yet rated) 0 with reviews - Be the first``

At first I figured we were listening to D A Harsha, but that author died in 1895y. What`s FKB? One must probably dig deeper than the Karlsruhe/Baden2 airport or the Flying Karamazov Brothers. I`m entertaining guesses about FKB, which may be even more amusing.

There is still nothing about FKB on the WBCQ program schedule, just a gap between 00 and 01 UT Saturdays. After a doubled-up WBCQ jingle ID and a donation promo mixing, `Allan Weiner Worldwide` follows at 0100 on 7490-, and I leave it to John Carver to report on that:

``Tonight's show started a bit over a minute late with some confusion and muted audio at the beginning. No signal on 7490 so still listening to 5130. Allan and Angela in the studio in FLA. Allan talked about radio and history and his tweets. Mr. Transistor, Norm called in at 0115. Talk of state parks in Florida and viewing manatees. At 0120 the talk went back to radio and history. Signal started to degrade about 0123. Allan faded in around 0138 talking about taxes again. Reading of emails began at 0146. Brother Stair is all right but still in jail as there has not been a bail hearing as of yet [WORLD OF RADIO 1914]. Some reading of logs from the Free Radio Weekly. Show was off the air officially at 0200 but the signal was gone a few minutes before that. John, Mid-North Indiana`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

`Tis an ill wind that the solar wind doth blow as I can't hear a god damn thing on 5130 this evening (John Carver, mid-north Indiana, 0235 UT Jan 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5129.8v, Jan 21 at 0139, WBCQ a JBA carrier; 0205 a little better, S3-S5 music. John Carver, IN, says he could not hear Area 51 at all tonight due to an ill (solar) wind.

7489.93, Sun Jan 21 at 2314, WBCQ with `Uncle Bill`s Melting Pot` in progress with Greek-sounding music, then a Mystery Song prompting listener response, really too easy. Always a fun show (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. From the Isle of Music and Uncle Bill's Melting

Pot, Jan 28-Feb 3

Incidentally, the first broadcast of From the Isle of Music was Feb 1, 2016. We will celebrate the anniversary on air in the episode that follows this one.

From the Isle of Music, January 28-February 3, 2018
This week brings us a Cuban dance party.
1. For Eastern Europe but audible well beyond the target area in most of the Eastern Hemisphere (including parts of East Asia and Oceania) with 100 kW, Sunday 1500-1600 UT on SpaceLine, 9400, from Kostinbrod, Bulgaria (1800-1900 MSK)
2. For the Americas and parts of Europe, Tuesday 0100-0200 UT on WBCQ, 7490 from Monticello, ME, USA (Monday 8-9 PM EST in the US). This is running on a backup transmitter due to a recent fire.
3 & 4. For Europe and sometimes beyond, Tuesday 1900-2000 and Saturday 1200-1300 UT on Channel 292, 6070 from Rohrbach, Germany.

Uncle Bill's Melting Pot, Sunday, January 28
Episode 47 of Uncle Bill's Melting Pot brings the Funk.
Sunday, January 28, 2300-2330 UT (6:00-6:30 PM Eastern US) on WBCQ The Planet 7490 shortwave from the US to the Americas and parts of Europe

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Jan 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5085, WTWW with Coatsworth and Wolfish music and a long form ad read by Ted Randall. They've got a new 'jingle' package and are calling themselves "The big one WTWW" and "WTWW 5085" and "The Omni-powerful Transmitter Two" etc. It is beginning to sound like a (good) commercial station. They are also paying attention to the audio -- something more stations could stand to do!

During "Fulsom [sic] Prison Blues" I decided to go to the SDR controls, opened up the bandwidth to 11 kHz and dropped the 'soft rolloff' that helps with voice and the audio reminded me of what classic tube radios sound like with a good signal.

Also played such stuff as Alabama "18 Wheeler" and Tanya Tucker "Ramblin' Fever" McAlmont & Butler (with June Carter) "If I were a Carpenter", Johnny Horton "Battle of New Orleans" and Charlie Rich

"Rollin' With the Flow". Now, I don't particularly like C/W music, but they made me stick around! ;) s/off with ``God Bless America" at ToH. 5554+4+ THIS close to all 5s. 0530-0600* 14/Jan [UT Sun] SDRPlay +SDRuno +randomwire (Ken Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

9475-, Jan 19 at 2303, WTWW-1 is burping about 63 times per minute, tiny carrier cuts from S9+10/20, but each accompanied by a bit of talk modulation, amid silence. Totally unusable; wake up, Ted. Better yet, snooze on, since it`s only that SFAW PPPP far-right extremist racist identity nonsense, which you are tacitly endorsing by broadcasting it, sometimes. Or rather, explicitly, since you voice a promo for it during ham shows, as a great source for Biblical info.

There was another report recently of such breakup: ``Seemingly a weird thumping modulation at 2140 UT this afternoon (17 January) for WTWW's transmitter on 9475 kHz. Nothing can be understood. -- Richard Langley, NB, dxldyg``

9475, Jan 20 at 2158, WTWW-1 is S9 to S9+20 of dead air. At 2200 a trace of crackle, as if modulation spikes are trying to break through; wiggle that patchcord! By 2232 it`s modulating but somewhat suptorted.

5085, UT Sun Jan 21 at 0204, no show, no signal from WTWW-2 for `Theatre Organ in the Ozarx`

9475 & 5830, Jan 21 at 2320, WTWW-1 missing from both frequencies, and 5830 still AWOL at 0425 check Jan 22. 5085 WTWW-2 not on either; and of course 12105 WTWW-3 has not been heard at all since a December spurt of activity with Xmasmx (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5830, Jan 22 at 0658, WTWW-1 is back on with PPPP, having been absent earlier in evening as late as 0425, and daytime from 9475 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5845, Jan 20 at 0745, Brother Scare can be heard mixing with Dead Gene Scott, thanks to the WWCR leapfrog mixing product of 5935 over 5890 another 45 kHz beyond. It`s weaker than the reverse leap on 5980, now uncovered by MartÌ staying on 7435, at least tonight. But no jamming to cope with on 5845, and no WRMI from 5850 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3215, 3195, 3185, UT Sun Jan 21 at 0136 and later, no activity from WWRB. After 0200, WWCR is on 3215 with `Martha Garvin`.

Kai Ludwig at 0109 UT Jan 21: ``Take a look at http://www.wwrb.org --- So allegedly he now goes on air only for six hours each on Saturdays and Sundays, UT Sat/Sun and Sun/Mon 2300-0200 on 3215 and 0200-0500 on

3185.

Next thing to check would of course be if this residual schedule is being implemented at all. Right now here in Europe traces of Russian (?) talk on very unclean carriers pop up and disappear again between 3214 and 3216 kHz. But there is no trace of a carrier on 3215 exactly`` NO, nothing yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No sign of them tonight (UT Sunday) up to 0500 UT (Walt Salmaniw, BC, Jan 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3215even kHz WWCR at 0450 UT on Jan 21 UT, S=9+15dB in Alberta-CAN remote, 10 kHz wideband signal. S=9+30dB in Detroit MI-US at 0500 UT.
nil 3185 [WWRB]
nil 9370 [WWRB]
73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

From David Frantz, WWRB, at 1336 UT Jan 21: ``Greetings!! Our main transmitter went up in smoke. Hope to have it up today Sunday with all the cold weather then warming up. We think moisture got us.

We have many programmers that want to take advantage of our $25.00 airtime rate per hour. It is a great rate for 100,000 watts of transmitter power with frequencies that people can HEAR!

Most of my time now is giving flight training for instrument students. We have on site a full ILS, NDB, VOR DME aircraft approaches saving plenty of time and money for our students as no time is wasted getting vectored around and sequencing with other aircraft.

The shortwave station is nothing more than a hobby station now. We keep it on for various programmers on days that make sense``

Hi David, Many thanks for keeping us informed. Please continue to do so. I assume ``up in smoke`` was not literal, if you can have it back on today. What exactly happened to it? We were wondering why no signals heard last night (Glenn to Dave, via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD)

** U S A. 7504.980, WRNO, Mandarin Chinese, endless talk, 0455 UT on Jan 19, S=9+30dB in Alberta, (selected ATT 30dB switch). Broad 14 kHz wideband signal observed in Edmonton-CAN remote SDR installation. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] Log of Jan 19, 0430-0500 UT, remote access to central Florida, USA and Edmonton Alberta-CAN units (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7505v, Jan 21 at 0206, no signal from WRNO; continues quite sporadic, altho maybe propped out tonight, or late coming on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 600, Jan 18 at 0131 UT, ABC news headlines from NW/SE, ID as ``Your only news station, KTBB-FM 97.5`` mixed with local Tyler TX ad. What? NRC AM Log shows its FM is on 95.7, really K239CB. WTFDA FM Database clears up the confusion. The 250-watt 95.7 translator goes with KYZS 1490, ESPN. The 97.5 KTBB-FM // 600 is licensed to Troup TX, 13 kW h/v, 121 m. Troup is about 15 miles SE of Tyler. NRC AM Log shows 1490 KZYS Tyler is axually ESPND, i.e. Spanish, and in $tereo, what a bonus on a non-musical graveyarder (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 939.85, FLORIDA, WINZ, Miami. 1226 January 23, 2018. Add this to the growing list of stations that either refuse to abide by night power and/or won't abide by their assigned frequency without going nominal. Good, with usual useless sports talk spew. Seemed to drift down and back a little, to maybe 939.982 (Terry L. Krueger, All times/dates GMT, Clearwater FL, IC-R75, NRD-535. longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1110, NEBRASKA, KFAB, Omaha. 1230 January 19, 2018. Someone fading up under WTOF and threshold WBT, going into Fox News at 1230, lost within a minute to local station WTIS up on their day-only operation. Finally, on January 21 at 1229, the conclusion of a public affairs program, mentioning Omaha, then "News Radio 1110 KFAB" and "ninety" something FM, into Fox News at 1230. Then obliterated at 1231 by WTIS sign-on. Not listed as a Fox News affiliate in the NRC AM Log (though they probably updated). Was wistfully hoping for KBND, Bend, OR which is a Fox News affiliate. Still, Nebraska to Florida isnít bad (Terry L. Krueger, All times/dates GMT, Clearwater FL, IC-R75, NRD-535. longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Birach Broadcasting / WCXI Fenton MI --- This disclaimer has been on the Birach web site for what seems like forever -- This is what you get when you click the Program Schedule button on the WCXI page. It's always something. They can't just turn on the xmtr and broadcast without adding some drama to the mix. They've also been off the air for two full days in the last two weeks. Opened 1160 for daytime DX, hi. 73, (Tom Sanders / Lakeport MI, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

``My company was registered in Virginia without my knowledge and approval. Several people imposed fraud on courts in Virginia and Maryland using my company. This is the warning to the public that for any business you want to do with Birach Broadcasting, you should contact office in Southfield [Michigan] (the only office for Birach

Broadcasting Corporation). I am the only officer and stockholder of the company. Any questions regarding my company should be addressed directly to me. Mr. Sima Birach, President and CEO`` (gh retyped from a bmp att, for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Your recent mention of Birach, a truly slippery customer, caused this FCC action to catch my eye, and I thought you might find it interesting too....

(FCC is working today despite the government shutdown. They put out a PN Friday explaining that they had budget to work until this coming Friday.) (Ben Dawson, Jan 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Att multi-page document is about two Birach stations in Virginia being designated for hearing whether licenses should be renewed, since they have been on the air only a few days during their license terms, excuses, excuses.

APPLICATIONS OF BIRACH BROADCASTING CORPORATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSES FOR STATION WBVA(AM), BAYSIDE, VIRGINIA, AND STATION WVAB(AM), VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA. The Commission commences hearing proceeding regarding whether licenses for Station WBVA(AM), Bayside, Virginia, and Station WVAB(AM), Virginia Beach, Virginia, should be renewed. (Dkt No. 18-11). Action by: the Commission. Adopted: 01/19/2018 by Hearing Designation Order. (FCC No. 18-2). MB
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(via gh, DXLD)

** U S A. If anyone wanted to try and log WHKT 1650 in Chesapeake, VA, now might be a good time to do it. They are not dropping power at sunset (5:15 PM EDT [sic] here). That's been verified with a field intensity meter (Chuck - K8HU, Chesapeake, VA, Jan 22, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

He means EST = 2215 UT in Jan; 2245 in Feb. And they have a CP to reduce day power from 10 to 6.5 kW (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. QSL: X-BAND: 1690, WVON, Berwyn Illionis E-mail reply witin 35 minutes after posting my report to todd@wvon.com V/S: Todd Ronczkowski Program Director (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1710 kHz, Jan 18 at 0716 UT, music with heavy beat, drumming, sorta salsa, 0719 UT seguÈ song sounds Spanish, deep fades, 0754 rouse in a pause. Probably B,ton Rouge pirate RetÈn lo que Tienes (Retain What Thou Hast) in a break from screaming gospel huxter, but could be some other pirate.

1710, Jan 21 at 0207 UT, slow beat strumming music. Hard to get a fix on it, but seems about NW/SE, pointing to B,ton Rouge pirate RetÈn lo que Tienes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 18-03: Where`s the (W)FUN in this?! [DTV]

From the Slap-My-Back-and-Call-Me-Elmer Department:

On the way to work, I decided to drop by the AmericaTeVe building, and show the snapshot. I didn't have to enter the building, because in the parking lot, there was an open truck full of electronic gadgets. A guy was there to talk to, who was not the CE; but he told me he knew him, so I showed him that image in the OP.

He told me that they monitor the OTA signal night and day. No issues on their end. He said that they have had issues with PSIP (but he called it some other initials), and also after I told him I use a converter box, he said that CECB's give issues for them as well.

I told him that I do have a small digital TV (my 7" Coby) at home, so tonight I hooked it up with my temporary outdoor antenna. Amazing! See attachment. The 48-1 from the CECB remains tonight as in the OP.

°Buen trabajo, caballero!

Attached Thumbnails Click image for larger version.
Name: image.jpg Views: 7 Size: 888.9 KB ID: 21285 [i.e. axual programming, apparently financial infomercial with local 305 phone gh]

cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, Jan 26, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

** VATICAN [non]. 7305, Jan 17 at *0131, VOA GB carrier on for a long warmup before 0145 Vatican relay in Spanish, violating Separation of Church & State. This time I`m paying closer attention. The opening ID by YL, altho speaking Spanish is ``Vatican News`` --- so it seems like NHK World, and KBS World Radio, all languages are forced to name the station in imperial English. This is their ``informativo vespertino``, but it`s only one subject, the pope`s speech begging forgiveness for the RCC having allowed Chilean priests to sexually abuse children. Fast-paced, lots of clips of Pope Francis speaking with a porteÒo accent, as the YL announcer narrates with a sing-song more Italian accent. She also refers to him by his Italian name, ``Papa Francesco``, geez. Cuts off the air abruptly at 0200*, and I don`t think there was any adiÛs, let alone a formal sign-off. Used to run until 0230, concluding with a couple minutes of ``Christus Vincit`` theme, which we now hear only once at the opening.

7305, Jan 18 at 0157 another check of Vatican News via IBB Greenville-B in Spanish: Papa Francisco is pontificating as only he can, chopped off rudely at 0200 and carrier off* a few seconds later. Clearly IBB now has set the automation to end the 0145 transmission after 15 instead of 45 minutes, but they don`t know about this back in the Holy See, tsk2. So now this violation of Separation of Church & State has been reduced by 66.6 percent.

7305, Jan 21 at 0155, Vatican News in Spanish via Greenville, pope speaking from Puerto Maldonado, Per`, and I fear he is going to get chopped off again at 0200; but just before then after 0159, YL host attempts to close, ``Termina asÌ nuestro informativo, gra---`` before she is cut off. So it is supposed to be just a quarter hour now, violating Separation of Church and State, if they can only shave a few more seconds off it. Pope is on a big apologia tour of Latin America, and you`d think this would be the time to amplify rather than curtail SW broadcasts about it. But then, who brought about media reorganization? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 9635.829, Vietnam 1st domestic program at 0947 UT. S=9+5dB signal in Seoul KOR SDR unit. Much odd frequency, channel audio suffered heavily by co-ch 9634.863 kHz hit by TWNese SOH S=6 signal at 0949 UT, 'conserve' like female voice heard here. 1866 Hertz whistle tone QRM - terrible. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, remote SDR units in Seoul KOR and New Delhi IND locations, today Jan 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. 7315, Jan 23 at 0057, VOV 00-02 UT relay problems via WHRI continue: praise music fill in English, and dumps off the air at 0058:50*. Back on for only a few seconds of music at 0102:35. By 0124 check, 7315 is back on but weaker signal, maybe backup transmitter, only S9, VOV in English; 0129 usual break filled by WHR`s ad for Voice of the Martyrs, 0130 music fill? again, 0133 YL DJ in English, now really fading down and almost out, but at 0134 I can tell it`s VOV in English with their Vietnamese accent; instead of VOV Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 5915.00, 2115-2136* 11.1, R Zambia, Lusaka _reactivated_ after six months. Vernacular ann, Afropop, interview. 2136* Abrupt transmitter fall out in mid sentence, 24232, CWQRM in USB (Anker Petersen, in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

5915, Jan 17 at 0221 tune-in, JBA carrier already on from presumed ZNBC1 as reactivated a few days ago. Amid ACI from 5910 Romania and 5920 WHRI, this gets no better in the next semihour when it should have begun programming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Regarding 18-03, Zambia and 6165 - Since 5915 (R. One/ZNBC) recently came back to life, I have also been checking 6165 (0240+), in the hope that R. Two/ZNBC might also be reactivated, but as of Jan 19, has not happened.

Back in August 2016, the British DX Club's publication "Africa on Mediumwave and Shortwave" had the following listing:

"Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation - Radio Zambia is the state-controlled broadcasting service of Zambia. Domestic services are aired on shortwave and FM. ZNBC on shortwave

kHz Station Location kW Schedule
5915 ZNBC Radio 1 Lusaka 100 0245-2205 in local languages
6165 ZNBC Radio 2 Lusaka 100 English service; *currently off-air but expected to be reactived soon"* [my emphasis - Ron]

Believe this Radio Two item was later retracted, but I still like to think they could return, as I miss their programming in English, while Radio One is in vernacular (except news segment in English).

Jan 19, reception of 5915; at 0234 test tone; 0240 into their IS; good signal strength, but mixing badly with CRI; later at 0327 with pop African music till suddenly cut off at 0333; listened for 30 minutes straight and they did not return, nor at 0414; heard again 0449, so perhaps off for an hour(?); phone call-in show; 0458 Kenny G music; call of the African Fish Eagle and music, leading up to their news segment in English (unreadable).

5915, R. One/ZNBC, at 0415, on Jan 20. ìZambia National Broadcasting Corporation" and "Radio Oneî; call of the African Fish Eagle with music; "One Zambia, one nation"; news in vernacular; 0420 end of the news with "Radio One" ID.

5915, ZNBC/Radio One. Jan 23, very late starting! 0313 no signal; 0344 found on the air with pop African music/singing; 0400-0405 with long commercial announcement in vernacular for GOtv Plus and GOtv Max; almost fair. My audio of GOtv ad
http://goo.gl/cZmMHi
GOtv website -
http://eazy.gotvafrica.com/en/zm/get-gotv/packages
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. Live from Zambia --- This week I'm in Zambia at the Voice of Hope station here. Tonight I will be in the studio with our regular evening presenter, Lombe Machilika, between about 1700-1830 UT. If

anyone wants to ask any questions, I'll do my best to answer them live on air. Send your emails to studio@voiceofhope.com

I also have a bunch of blank QSL cards with me, and will be happy to mail them out before I leave with Zambia stamps on them, for correct reception reports received for tonight's broadcast. I realise it's too early for reception in North America, but those of you in Europe or Asia should be able to pick us up - 6065 towards West Africa, and 4965 omni-directional. (Sorry, Glenn - make that "omni-direxional"). Tonight's close is at 1930 UT.

Next week I'll be in Israel at our station there [q.v.] (Ray Robinson, Voice of Hope, 1435 UT Jan 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It was nice to hear Ray on the broadcast discussing different aspects of shortwave broadcasting including the future of DRM and the possibility of Voice of Hope broadcasting to India using DRM since the transmitters in Zambia are capable of this mode. He also answered questions from Bruce Churchill and me (Richard Langley, ibid.)

6065 was S4 into KiwiSDR at Lauwe, Belgium at 1730 tune but 500 kW CRI Russian service on 6070 forced me to use LSB to avoid. After 1800 another 500 kW xmtr from Iran on 6060 forced use of USB and signal slipped to S3 with I2 on interference. This is a tough channel for WEu reception in this time slot! The waterfall signal presence looked good but QRM was killer (Bruce Churchill, Sent from my iPhone, ibid.)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, Jan 22 at 2058, presumed ZBC is talking on poor signal, cut off abruptly at 2100:30* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6015, ZBC Radio, 0338, on Jan 23. In Swahili with many mentions of Dar es Salaam; 0341 usual format of brief chant and song, as well as clear mention of "Zanzibar." My audio at
http://goo.gl/4nZTSy
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1530 kHz --- UNID in English OM talks, SINPO 23112, Day 4 Apr. 2017 um 0408 UT
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0R0f39bnX4

RX: Yaesu FRG 8800 Antenna: Beverage simples (DXer: Daniel Wyllyans - SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia - Nova Xavantina - Mato Grosso - Brazil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Daniel, I can`t make anything out from recording, but a good chance it`s VOA S„o TomÈ relay, 600 kW which has even been DXed in eastern

North America, especially around 0300 sign-on and 2200 sign-off with VOA IDs, Yankee Doodle. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Thank you very much for the information, I'm happy to help Thank you very much for the information, I'm happy to help me and good eavesdropping. and good thanks. DW (Daniel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1650, "The Beeper" 1530 January 19, 2018. Noted at 1413, still here last check this time, pointing NE, about equal level as the I-275 FDOT HAR as usual when it appears, which is pretty often again of late. -- Florida Low Power Radio Stations:
https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/florida-low-power-radio-stations
(Terry L. Krueger, All times/dates GMT, Clearwater FL, IC-R75, NRD-535. longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Odd CW station on 3275 --- Hi Glenn, Caught on the WebSFR at U. Twente at 0120 GMT Jan. 18: CW station "2KBP" seemingly calling roll on a net: "GRS 2 DE 2KBP K G R S 2 K RPTK" followed by reply "G R S 2 K E RK". Also contacted "EPQ" and "9UIL". Off right after that. Military? (Eric Loy, Sports Director, Neuhoff Media Danville, WDAN D102 K-ROCK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4886.50-USB, Jan 21 at 0143, 2-way in Spanish vs CODAR, a sesquikHz above 4885 Brazilians, but they get ACI from this unless LSB tuned (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also WORLD OF RADIO monitoring for another one of these on 7777.00-USB

UNIDENTIFIED. 6900-LSB, Jan 19 at 2256, finding no pirates, I switch from USB for Spanish 2-way here: soon mentions Corpus Christi, Texas, and ``OperaciÛn Conejo`` = Rabbit, hola, hola. Sounds intriguing; maybe not all these are to be dismissed as non-American ``peskies``.

Later, I should have searched on ``Operacion Conejo``: it has something to do with Bugs Bunny cartoons, and a charity for children with cancer, e.g.
https://www.diariodelsur.com.mx/local/piden-colaborar-con-operacion-conejo-en-tapachula
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDentified. Transmission probably in Hindi on Jan 17 1600-1630 on 7535 unknown kW / unknown to SoAs, fair:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/unidentified-transmission-probably-in.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1053 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 20, 2018 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. EGYPT [sic], station with Egyptian music on Jan 20 0900-0916 on 9400 unknown tx / unknown to ????, weak/fair

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/unidentified-station-with-egyptian.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 19-20, dxldyg via DXLD)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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PUBLICATIONS
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MY LATEST HITLIST UPDATE.
http://www.w4uvh.net/hitlist.htm

Hi Glenn,
1) Australia - Ozy R: Added link to home page (although mostly still under construction)
2) Denmark - World Music R: Added links to this new station
3) India - AIR GOS: Updated and added new link for live stream
4) Spain - REE: Added new link for live stream (thanks to Richard Cuff in NASWA Journal)
5) USA - R Farda: Added links to home page and frequencies (thanks to post by Kim Andrew Elliott in dxldyg)
6) Vatican - Vatican News: Added additional link for RSS feeds (to access podcasts)

Next update will most likely be towards the end of February.
Best wishes and 73 (Alan Roe, Jan 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
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FREE RADIO == Internet Resources ==

Free radio station contacts:
https://sites.google.com/site/piratedatabase/

The FRW on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Free-Radio-Weekly/356592073251

HF Underground
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php

Free Radio Cafe
http://freeradiocafe.com/forum/

The FRN
http://www.frn.net/

Regards, Lw (Larry Will, Free Radio Weekly Jan 20 via DXLD)

1600-1800 KHZ FULL OF STATIONS HEARD IN PORTUGAL BY CARLOS GON«ALVES

https://playdxblog.blogspot.it/2018/01/monitoring-x-band-pirati-utility-bc.html
(via Giampiero Bernardini, playdx yg via DXLD)

IRCA MAIL ARCHIVE

I`m not sure how many IRCAns are aware of this, but this external
site features good search funxions:
https://www.mail-archive.com/irca@hard-core-dx.com/maillist.html
73, (Glenn Hauser, Jan 22, IRCA via DXLD)

Thanks for mentioning that, Glenn. I've found that a useful resource
in the past, and then, I misplace the link, so a reminder is a good
thing. best wishes (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, ibid.)

LANGUAGE LESSONS See ALGERIA
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DX-PEDITIONS
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CARIBBEAN DX

My wife Kristine and I took off again on a trip that included Reno
(11/5-12), Orlando (11/12-30) and then on a Caribbean cruise (11/30-
12/10). The shipís navigational program did not provide coordinates
and I could only get them on my cell phone when we were in ports. We
were accompanied by an ICF-2010, a DX-398, a Sony TCM 200DV cassette

recorder, and most important of all, one of Gary DeBockís marvelous FSL units which relentlessly peeled through layers of white noise and provided me with readable signals. Out of four trip air legs, TSA only inquired once.

We left from Ft. Lauderdale. Ports were: Princess Cays in the Bahamas on land leased by Princess Lines, St. Thomas, Martinique, Grenada, Bonaire, and CuraÁao. We also went by Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba. I have not included the usual routine Cubans or the plethora of Venezuelans or Puerto Ricans which I could not specifically identify. All times are AST unless EST is indicated.

530 - neither Cuban had much oomph anywhere on the trip
630 - SS local-like nearing Bonaire 12/6 9am. Presumably Caracas. Not noteworthy anywhere else on the trip.
640 - Deportes, Puerto la Cruz, Venezuela never terribly strong but the only one there once the Cuban was gone.
660 - R. LumiËre, Port-au-Prince at good level, P/S, with a string of stations mentioned during the ID including Turks & Caicos-530, which I never detected.
690 - Thought I heard ìW radioî 12/3 2205 from south of PR but nothing matches.
710 - SS very loud in Bonaire & CuraÁao 12/6 & 12/7. Presumed YVKY Caracas.
720 - UNID 12/2 10am EST. Spanish. Probably Cuban Progresso but no ID at TOH
740 - WIAC San Juan. Never detected. Its pattern is shown as directional east.
750 - RCR Caracas. The most potent Caribbean signal. Readable days in St. Thomas and almost everywhere else until we neared Cuba. Heard with string of affiliated stations 4:50p 12/3 from S.
780 - ZBVI at fair level in St. Thomas. 12/3 8:30am
800 - PJB Bonaire. Not a great signal coming northward and relatively quiet modulation. We came around from the south and I was able to see their four giant towers. They are pretty thin in the distance but e-mail me if you want a copy of the picture. Our tour guide didnít know anything about the station.
810 - Cuban bubble-wobbler, 12/8 11am off southern Haiti. Exactly the same sound I heard 11/30 4 hours out of Ft. Lauderdale on 1000 kHz. Only time heard.
860 - Z-86 Willemstad, CuraÁao. This and PJB-800 are the only AM stations left in the ABC islands.
860 - VON ìVoice of Nevisî fair level, with religion in St. Thomas VI 12/3 8:30am.
870 - Reloj, Cuba, pretty potent but very distorted during the northern part of the trip but cleaner further south. I never heard an echo so assume it was the same XR hemorrhaging.
890 - UNID 12/2 10am EST between the Cay and PR. Seemed to give calls,

HIó (I missed the last two letters). Would appear to have been R. 8-90, La Consentida, Mao, DR
900 - CBC St. Michael, Barbados poor level 12/3 9am from St. Thomas. Signal level increased as we headed south but didnít hold up that well as we headed west from Grenada. A per ads, CBC has a monopoly in the communications business. Reggae Christmas carols were fun!
920 - SS local-like in Grenada. Presumed YVOX Porlamar. 12/5 9am.
940 - WINZ Miami - best FL signal at Princess Cay. No Cuban under/over it. Interesting because WINZ has an STA for 25 kW night because of Cuban interference.
1000 - Cuban bubble wobbler. Only here one night (11/30, 4 hours out of Ft. Lauderdale). It was also noted here last year.
1030 - Port-au-Prince, R. Ginen. Taped 12/2 10am (heading to PR) but no ID heard.
1060 - WIXC Titusville is back on relaying WWBA-820 and yes, they do give an ID a minute or two before the WWBA ID. Heard in Orlando, St. Thomas 9 am 12/3, Martinique (very weak 12/4 11a) and also off of north central Cuba 11 am 12/9.
1090 - Deportes, Caracas, one of the earlier YVs to boom in as we approached Grenada. Apparently YVSZ Caracas.
1130 - My hearing must be grim because just as I did while in Boston in Sept., I heard this as ìRadio Cinco" 12/3 10:15 pm from south of PR
1150 - ìCMX R. Guaymasî is what I heard 11/30 9pm 4 hours out of Ft. Lauderdale but that doesnít hold up in deference to WRTHís R. Bayamo, Entronque Bueycito.
1160 - Caribbean Radio Lighthouse, St. Johnís, Antigua & Barbuda fairly good in Grenada but not memorable from anywhere else.
1200 - It sounded like R. Pinto to me but more than likely was R. Tiempo, Caracas, 12/6, 9 am, 40 miles E of Bonaire.
1240 - Radio MarÌa, Santo Domingo, DR. No ìde la alta graciaî ever heard. Good level between PR & St. Thomas, 10 pm EST 12/2 and 12/3 9 am AST in St. Thomas. It was heard quite a ways as we headed south. It was also surprisingly strong as we left Grenada for Bonaire. The web site says (essentially) variety programming but all I ever heard was religious chanting and hymns.
1260 - WISO Ponce relaying WAPA 12/8 9 am between Haiti/Cuba
1260 - SS with Christmas music around 9 am 12/6 nearing Bonaire. Presumably Caracas.
1340 - WSTA St. Thomas fair level in Grenada 12/5 around 8 am
1350 - Radio Libertad, Puerto Padre, Cuba, good level at Princess Cay 9 am 11/1.
1380 - My ears heard ìRadio Pintoî but that apparently is not to be. Call letters given (YV..) but I canít dig the last two out. My guess is YVME Cd. BolÌvar. Loud 12/7 4:40p in CuraÁao.
1400 - WFLL is shown as off the air so not sure who was there along with a Cuban with EZ music. Thought I heard a ìRadio Carla.î At another time, I thought I heard ìR. St. Paul de Alegreî 11/1 11 am EST from Princess Cay.

1400 - Harbor Light, Carriacou, Grenada seemed to be stronger in Martinique than it was at our stop in Grenada (12/4 around 9a) where it was only fair.
1450 - Another Radio MarÌa noted from Bonaire 12/6 6pm. This would be YVKJ Caracas.
1500 - YVRZ Cuman· good level in Grenada 123/5 8am
1510 - WWBC Cocoa good level, ID 12/9 11 am off north coast of Cuba
1540 - ZNS Nassau. Predictable coverage. However, it throws out a lot of garbage between 1500-1570 including spurs on 1500 and 1570 and a curious 1 kHz tone on 1520 which during one nightís reception, competed with the Saudiís het. This same tone was heard a year ago and is quite loud in the Bahamas. Also very loud 12/9 11:30 am impacting an UNID English speaker.
1610 - Caribbean Beacon, The Valley, Anguilla noted 4 hours out of Grenada but not overwhelming here or anywhere else on the trip.

N.A. STATIONS: On 12/5 around 9 pm, we were out of Grenada heading for Bonaire. The following English language N.A. stations were noted: WFAN-660, UNK-680, CFZM-740 (very loud, mentions their FM on 96.7), WABC-770, UNK-790, WCBS-880, WLS-890, WINS-1010, UNK-1080, KMOX-1120, WHKW-1220, WLAC-1510, WCKY-1530. WFAN and WCBS showed up a couple of other times but there was no other night like this. WGN was also heard somewhere during the trip.

FRENCH LANGUAGE: Radio Ginen, P-au-P, and 4VEH-840 were notable French language speakers. 640 and 1310 are obviously long gone and have been replaced in their home markets by a gaggle of low-power FM stations.

In Reno, the only surprise was hearing KHIT-1450 on 1650. There seemed to be a carrier. I canít see anything which it would bounce off of (like 1250). (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, (trip equipment described above), Jan 20, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

A few comments on Pete's logs:

<< 690 - Thought I heard ?W radio? 12/3 2205 from south of PR but nothing matches.>>

W Radio: Bogot·, Colombia - usually // 700 from Cali

<< 720 - UNID 12/2 10 am EST. Spanish. Probably Cuban Progreso but no ID at TOH >>

Or R. Norte (Dominican Republic) or Emisoras Unidas (Colombia)

<< 750 >>
Caracas is even knuckle-busting here on Cape Cod.

<< 890 >>
D.R. has been about 110 Hz high of nominal for a long time. Growl against 890 Progreso most nights here.

<< 900 >>
Either Maracaibo, Ven. or Progreso Cuba typical on 165-deg. SuperLoop. Barbados cannot be radiating much this way. Had been a lead-pipe cinch in this area 20+ years ago.

<< 940 >>
What about WIPR, P.R.? Common enough here. RCN Colombia also frequently heard. Brazil occasional; didn't see any Brazil or Argies in your report.

<< 1090 >>
Ven. // 640 in a reception not too long ago. Minor time difference ~3 seconds

<< 1200 >>
R. Tiempo occasionally in under domestics.

Quite a few stations you've listed show up as audio clips received here via the following links:
http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/doc1/audio_2017.htm
http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/doc1/audio_2016.htm
http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/doc1/audio_aug_to_dec2015.htm
http://www.qsl.net/wa1ion/doc1/audio_march2015.htm

Might be handy for DXers interested in this area.

Any evidence of TA's down there, Pete? I've listened a couple of times on the Bonaire SDR and noted a few TA's but not as good as here in eastern MA. Did you grab any audio clips to post online? (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, ibid.)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also CANADA; MEXICO; USA AFN, WFUN
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Thread: OTA digital TV (ATSC) in the US and use of the spectrum
[continued from 18-03]

Quote Originally Posted by Russ-PA:``Although I'm as fond of National Geographic and similar as you are, I'm 180 degrees in the opposite direction about the proliferation of "Classic TV" channels.``

My reasons are more in the morality arena that anything else. I mentioned a few months back that I'd take "Leave It to Beaver" over "Two and a Half Men" anyday. I didn't mean to say that older shows

were not scripted; a quirk of writing and lacking emphasis.

All in all, if the subchannels weren't successful*, out they'd go. Or, sometimes, it's a case of ownership issues. The start of 2018, WBFS 33-2 (formerly H&I) & WPLG 10-3 (Movies!) did a swap.

The Grit channel could be the OTA version of Encore Westerns. GetTV is a kind of "anything goes" classic TV channel; including classic variety shows and specials (Mitzi Gaynor, anyone?) with some shows that lasted only one season (e.g., the sitcom "Ensign O'Toole").

In the case of GetTV, it could be just having its audience enjoy the reaction of the viewer ("Wow look at Cher from way back!"). Who knows.

BTW, Decades uses some of its "schlock" and promotes it a certain way---for example, weeknights at midnight ET it's reruns of "The Comedy Shop" with Norm Crosby (!)....Promos say, "Watch how some of today's comedians got their start!"

I told Jim T a couple of weeks ago that I think it'd be great for one of the classic channels to have something like a "Bomb Night" --- totally horrible TV like "Pink Lady & Jeff" or "My Mother the Car" (the latter currently in on Antenna). After all: they made a whole movie out of the life of Ed Wood, and that film grossed maybe more than all his films put together!

I admit, I am into "camp".

I told Jim as well, that Miami has different sub-channels than some other cities, due to ethnic makeup. We have two or three Haitian/Creole subs (one that includes scripted dramas on very poor film, but recently made, possibly here in Miami), and many Spanish ones that wouldn't play in Peoria.

[* By successful I mean making money using a small budget. The long running CBS soaps "Guiding Light" & "As the World Turns" yielded to "Let's Make a Deal" & "The Talk" respectively; the ratings may not be what they were before, but the cost to produce vs. soap operas make it still a sound investment, apparently. Personally, "Deal" being on over 7 years now is a head scratcher for me; that current version; oh well. JMO.] cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, Jan 19, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

I may mention that there is an over-the-air sports channel. On the air, they are branded American Sports Network, though those in the television industry refer to the channel as Stadium.

The problem is, they can't afford to buy the rights to the most

popular events because the cost of sports programming has spun out of control. The primary reason people are cord-cutting is because sports rights are taking up more that half the cable companies' budget, and won't let viewers opt out.

For that matter, sports itself is out of control, squeezing cities for public money with threats to move elsewhere, and players squeezing the squeezers.

I don't know why nobody no one has attempted to establish a news channel for OTA. I think ANC would probably still be going if their satellite model could have survived until people could actually watch digital TV broadcasts (keep in mind, there was a huge time lag between DTV broadcasts and DTV viewing - before 2006, DTV was difficult to buy into, as electronics retailers boycotted DTV, when selling cable and satellite subscriptions and taking a cut was so profitable.) (Robert Grant, Jan 20, ibid.)

Sports programming cost is only one reason cable prices are inflated. The quantity of non-event sports programming is just as out of control. I sure don't want to listen to a bunch of opinionated know-nothings (like Bayless, Cowherd and S. Smith) screaming all the time.

But the other big factor, which predates the inflation of sports costs is the issue of having too many channels available and only minimal opt-out. Early on, it was the movie channels which were the cost drivers and you couldn't get a package without one of them because they wouldn't offer it that way. A lot of people didn't (don't) want to pay that kind of money for a couple of hundred channels when you are only going to watch a couple of dozen (Russ Edmunds, 15 mi NW Philadelphia, PA, Jan 20, ibid.)

[Re Grant]: Absolutely right. Although Sports is the only healthy pillar holding up Live TV. No one wants to watch sports the way we watch everything else, or just read scores from a website/app. And Sports fans are willing to spend a lot of money to support their favorite --- for-profit corporation? I dunno. As long as they keep slapping Yankees' logos on themselves the rest of us will remain stuck in that industry's gravity well.

Besides the sticker shock, and inability to opt-out of E$PN, I was also put off by the increasing amounts of commercials (SyFy... then just "The Sci-FI Channel" was a great example of this). I called it "double dipping" because they take my (not trivial amount of) money only to turn around and take more money from advertisers. So in effect I was paying for privilege of watching marathon stretches of commercials. Meanwhile the networks were getting more repetitive: Years before people "binged" on Netflix there were channels where you

could binge on "American Pickers" or "Mythbusters" or whatever each network now considered its most popular show. (If each network only airs one show back-to-back I suppose it'd have to be the most popular, eh?) From time to time I get a chance to flip around someone's cable channels and can tell this trend has only gotten worse.

Now as far as OTA, I know my dad watches a lot of MeTV. (I got to tell him the history of WJLP "3" when I was up visiting him a few months ago.) The classic rerun format is overused, I agree. Laff seems to be growing, and their shows are recent enough to get my attention. As for news networks I've seen Newsmax running OTA in several cities, though for all the times I've flipped by them I've yet to see anything approaching a newscast. Name should probably be "Newsmin."

Since Chris mentioned the variety of subchannels available in Miami, I'll link to the bandscan I recorded there (15 months old):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FQUgK1eerY
(Ryan Grabow, :: egrabow.com/dx :: youtube.com/user/egrabow440 ibid.)

Ah, Laff --- Forgot about that one, and for good reason. I love old sitcoms as much as the next guy; but their limited variety plus not going far back enough, I personally didn't store either Laff station (5-3 or 23-4) on my telly. c d (Chris Dunne, ibid.)

From, "the old days"... Click image for larger version.
Name: W43AG.jpg Views: 1 Size: 1.36 MB ID: 21279
Anyone remember ANC? This picture was from W43AG Hopkinsville, KY.

I, "cut the cord" many years ago. Hollywood / media personalities remind me of the children from, "Lord of the Flies" so, I stopped supporting them. 73, (Ed NN2E, Owner / Operator - Murphy's Law Test Site & Thunderstorm Proving Grounds, KY, Jan 21, ibid.)

For those that are research hounds on the subject of FREE over-the-air television networks available in the US, Wikipedia has a full blown page on the subject, and of course, a link for each programming source (network or channel) for further reading. There are some channels listed there I have never heard of.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_over-the-air_television_networks

And the television broadcasters are nothing but bullish on the diginet market, as the broadcast industry refers to these bit-casters. TV NewsCheck magazine did a four part series on the growth of this market a little over a year ago. And it sounds like their general consensus is the diginet market is going to keep growing. They seem to think that when ATSC 3 is established, after a transition period of maybe

two years, the diginet market is going to blow open and become a really big thing. Speculators? I guess we just have to wait and see. If you care to read the series of articles, part 1 is here.... http://www.tvnewscheck.com/article/96496/diginets-keep-growing-despite-auction-cloud/page/1
Last edited by Jim Thomas; 01-21-2018 at 01:43 PM. (Jim Thomas, Springfield, MO, Ozark Mountain DTV dxing Daredevil, ibid.)

^ Bullish now, but it was not long ago, the CBS O&Os flat out refused to allow subs/diginets, because I think they said it would degrade the picture quality of the -1. Enter Decades! c d (Dunne, Jan 21, ibid.)

Encoder software has improved dramatically. You can get a better picture in the same bandwidth. I think these things are being run on a shoestring. It's generally old (read: inexpensive) programming; it's run automated (almost no cost for labor). I suppose the biggest expenses are paying the stations for their bandwidth and paying for the satellite uplink time (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66 http://www.w9wi.com Jan 21, ibid.)

Very much so. I almost never see "pixilated" video on the subs anymore.

With Decades, their "lost TV" block is definitely inexpensive; but they do have their in-house "Through the Decades" program, where they look at this-date-in-history in-depth. I would only hope that each advancing year, the programming for that same date is tweaked somewhat. I rarely watch it.

With Bounce TV doing their own in-house sitcom a la TV Land, I am sure that a *little* extra money is coughed up!

In Miami, WLPH 44 signed off months ago; but they had Retro TV, which was all alone in the classic TV diginet club, 8 years ago. Apparently MeTV & AntennaTV along with the lesser classic channels, snatched the good stuff away from them. Now, all RetroTV (formerly RTN & RTV) has to brag about is Doctor Who and over 4000 episodes of the soap opera "The Doctors" (the color shows, 1967-82). Every now and then, an old commercial from The Doctors stays intact --- does anyone remember Colgate 100?? BTW The Doctors is shown as film look; w¸nderbar. c d (Dunne, ibid.)

Are so many of these shoestring operations because there isn't sufficient demand to fund more or is the market once again flooded with people imitating each other, as has been the case in radio programming for almost forever? There simply can't be sufficient demand for the number of channels running retro TV of one sort or another in the larger markets. My sense is that even despite the

reductions due to repacking, there are still too many program streams in most middle-to-large markets, and that just like FM translators and LP's playing the same music the big boys are on FM, there's still a move to occupy as many channels as possible and thus block out a competitor, and so filling it with the cheapest programming becomes the way to do that. Plus, there's only so much programming available at low cost. BTW, I wonder how much of that 1950's and 60's programming is now public domain? (Russ Edmunds, Philadelphia, ibid.)

Select seasons of shows like Bonanza, Beverly Hillbillies, Dick Van Dyke Show, and Andy Griffith Show lapsed into PD. You'll know them, when likely you'll hear a different theme song! (I could never understand music issues. The shows' incidental/background music stays intact, so why not the theme?)

I liken what is going on in the subchannel genre to the (now late) growth of HD Radio subs. I maintain that those FM subs are a response (rather, an alternative) to Sirius/XM. The formats might be "meh," but at least they're free!

My question would be --- are cable/satellite channels/providers actually looking forward to either more OTA subchannels, and/or ATSC 3.0, or are they now shaking in their boots? If the latter, I say that in many cases they have only themselves to blame, as long as "‡ la carte" is off the table. After all, isn't the main reason for ATSC (of any kind) to have a "locked in" video image OTA, similar to that of cable/sat? c d (Chris Dunne, ibid.)

I think the cable providers are scared. First it was streaming, then cord-cutting and now alternative providers. But satellite and internet providers are a big part of the cord-cutting as the provide cheaper (for now) options. But those will probably follow the cable paradigm and continue to jack up their prices as they become more successful.

I've probably written previously that I've never had cable nor a satellite service. While that's partly a value proposition (costs too much for the channels I'd use), it's also that as programming has (in my view anyway) deteriorated over the decades, I find less reason to watch. I can't remember the last regularly-scheduled program I felt was must-see (Russ Edmunds, 15 mi NW Philadelphia, PA, ibid.)

One MORE page for the TV series research hound, Wikipedia has this alphabetical listing of all TV series that have run on US television. You could spend the rest of your life on those pages

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_American_television_programs

There's more there that's lived on US broadcast television over the

years than most of the classic TV sub's are willing to show or perhaps be able to get their hands on. Some of those series would be NEW to the current generation (Jim Thomas, Springfield, MO, Jan 23, ibid.)

^ Wasn't there a recent NBC promo, touting their reruns? Something like "if you missed it the first time, it's new to you!" Can't argue THAT logic. c d (Dunne, Jan 23, ibid.)

c d mentioned this new sub-channel (diginet) in post #2 of this thread - Quest TV. I have already sent them a form email from their website to bring this channel to my hometown. It looks very interesting:
http://www.questtv.com/

And talking about the diginet offerings, I found this article on Variety Magazine's online edition for October 2, 2017. According to their information, sub-channel ratings are kicking the butts of many of the top cable channels:
http://variety.com/2017/tv/news/digital-subchannels-1202578117/

And the latest news from the satellite/cable TV industry coming into 2018 shows an average of 9,000 subscribers per week are cord-cutting. Yes a lot of them are turning to streaming TV sources, but they say most of them are also a NEW market to OTA television, which points to exposure to all of the diginet channels and the content they are offering. At the beginning of 2018, there were 155 sub-channel (diginet) offerings for OTA television in the US. And more are on the way. Broadcasting & Cable magazine speculates that the classic TV genre has been established with the leaders and a few followers and they expect the offerings are going to begin to branch out in the next two years. Some of the multi-cast specialists in the TV industry are also speculating that some of the struggling cable channels are now viewing the diginet market as the *new frontier* where there is lower operating costs than with cable.

If OTA can hang on (some proponents still believe its dying), it might be interesting to see how the diginet market develops over the next 2-3 years (Jim Thomas, Springfield, MO, Ozark Mountain DTV dxing Daredevil, Jan 25, ibid.)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See NORWAY; UK
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See KIRITIMATI
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ERITREA; GUAM; NEW ZEALAND; ROMANIA;
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ TURKEY; ZAMBIA

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Electrical interference risk -
NEW BT BROADBAND SERVICE TO TRANSMIT ACROSS VHF ---
Southgate 18 January 2018

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2018/january/new-bt-broadband-service-to-transmit-across-vhf.htm

BT's Openreach plans to use the polluting technology G.fast, that transmits across the VHF spectrum as well as HF, to deliver new broadband services

Two new broadband services are being offered providing 152 Mbps and 314 Mbps. BT has chosen to deliver these by G.fast over legacy copper wires rather than adopting the modern approach of Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) which causes no RF pollution issues.

BT Openreach currently uses VDSL-2 which transmits across the HF spectrum up to 17.660 MHz and has caused considerable interference to radio amateurs.. G.fast will dramatically increase the RF spectrum affected by transmitting all the way up to 106 MHz.

BBC News report
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-42703466

2015 - G.fast broadband across HF and VHF
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2015/november/g_fast_broadband.htm
(via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

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AMAZING DOUBLE HOP SPORADIC E, INDONESIA/PNG FM TO NSW

Hi Glen[n], ** PROPAGATION** - I am having the most amazing Sporadic E season ever seen downunder. Many FMs never heard before or are rare down in these southern states. Apart from my Philippines FM reception on the 30th Nov 2017, there have been at least four 2-Es openings to Tonga (two lasting 3 to 4 hours), several to Fiji & on 15th & 16th Jan, an amazing opening to Indonesia. Most FMs heard from the state of Irian Jaya (West Papua) & Papua New Guinea itself being received on 88.5 & 91.3. The 18th Jan saw nice 2-Es openings to Perth & Geraldton WA (3100 ~ 3300 km). Here are some links to YT videos that I have done. Distance in the 3500 ~ 4000 km range

90.1, Indonesia this signal very strong & various "R-R-I" IDs. -

https://youtu.be/XmWkDdOemTI
 90.3, Indonesia -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sL7Yb3hJezs&feature=youtu.be
 89.2, Indonesia - https://youtu.be/mXaUyAGBFqg
 94.4, Indonesia - https://youtu.be/y7Wgt_ARqMk
 96.4, Indonesia - RRI Sorong with possible "R.Sorong" ID (do they
give abbreviated IDs?) - https://youtu.be/fvhZyzGjnMk
 88.5, Papua New Guinea - https://youtu.be/__JgDQbddlc
 98.1, Spirit FM Geraldton WA https://youtu.be/YQ4qDrO_J8g
 93.7, Nova-FM Perth WA - https://youtu.be/GDDmPGqkZtM
103.0 Vanuatu (Radio Australia) only a brief bit of signal but this
has never been heard down in these parts before -
https://youtu.be/Fp-7bjKTulk
 87.6 Lord Howe Island - https://youtu.be/4XwEq0XE6lQ
 90.0 "Kool90FM" Nuku'alofa Tonga great signal with ID -
https://youtu.be/4gmq2doPe_4
 87.5 Nuku'alofa Tonga religious station in Polynesian -
https://youtu.be/DLj6zwZ2eIc

(Geoff Wolfe, Numeralla NSW Australia - Korner 15.11 antenna / TGN
ULNA preamp / various tuners, Jan 20+, WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
:Issued: 2018 Jan 22 0054 UTC
Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html
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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 15 - 21 January 2018

Solar activity was at very low levels with a few B-class flares
observed from Region 2696 (S13, L=123, class/area Cro/030 on 16
Jan). No Earth-directed CMEs were observed.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at
moderate levels on 15-18 Jan with a maximum flux of 273 pfu observed
at 18/1925 UTC. Normal levels were observed on 19-21 Jan.

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet to active levels on 15 Jan,
quiet levels on 16-18 Jan and quiet to unsettled levels on 19-21
Jan. The field was influenced on 15 Jan by waning positive polarity
CH HSS influence. On 19-21 Jan, a pair of negative polarity CH HSSs

resulted in weak geomagnetic field enhnacements.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 22 JANUARY-17 FEBRUARY 2018

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels throughout the outlook period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels on 24-25 Jan; moderate levels on 22-23 Jan, 26-28 Jan and 11-15 Feb; and normal levels for the remainder of the outlook period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at unsettled to active levels on 22-24 Jan, 28 Jan, 04-05 Feb, 09-11 Feb and 15-17 Feb, all due to influence from recurrent CH HSSs. Mostly quiet conditions are expected for the remainder of the outlook period.

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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2018-01-22
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2018 Jan 22	69	10	3
2018 Jan 23	69	10	3
2018 Jan 24	69	8	3
2018 Jan 25	67	5	2
2018 Jan 26	67	5	2
2018 Jan 27	67	5	2
2018 Jan 28	67	10	3
2018 Jan 29	69	5	2
2018 Jan 30	69	5	2
2018 Jan 31	70	5	2
2018 Feb 01	70	5	2
2018 Feb 02	70	5	2
2018 Feb 03	70	5	2
2018 Feb 04	70	8	3
2018 Feb 05	70	8	3
2018 Feb 06	70	5	2
2018 Feb 07	70	5	2

2018 Feb 08	70	5	2
2018 Feb 09	70	8	3
2018 Feb 10	70	12	4
2018 Feb 11	70	8	3
2018 Feb 12	70	5	2
2018 Feb 13	70	5	2
2018 Feb 14	70	5	2
2018 Feb 15	70	8	3
2018 Feb 16	70	12	4
2018 Feb 17	68	8	3

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1914, DXLD) ###